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IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

*"Is life worth living? Yes, so long
As there is wrong to right,
Wail of the weak against the strong,
Or tyranny to fight;
Long as there lingers gloom to chase,
Or streaming tear to dry;
One kindred woe, one sorrowing face
That smiles as we draw nigh;
Long as a tale of anguish swells
The heart, and lids grow wet,
And at the sound of Christmas bells
We pardon and forget;
So long as Faith with Freedom reigns,
And loyal Hope survives,
And gracious charity remains
To leaven lowly lives;
Where there is one untrodden tract
For Intellect or Will,
And men are free to think and act
Life is worth living still."*

—AUSTIN.

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FOREWORD

Having accepted the appointment of M. E. Grand Master Mark Norris, as Official Reviewer of the Proceedings for the year 1939, we approach the task with much the same feelings as a small boy in his first pair of long pants. He is not just sure of the reception he will receive from his former comrades. The splendid reviews of Fratres Allen, Clark and Tester have set a high standard in this particular service. We shall endeavor to present a word picture of Templar conditions as they are reflected in the published Proceedings of the several jurisdictions, with such comment as may seem pertinent, bearing in mind the fact that the main purpose of a review is to furnish inspiration to all Templars where-soever dispersed.

Condition of the Order

This is a familiar title in the addresses of the Grand Commanders, and in the main the opinion is optimistic. True it is that for more than a decade we have been confronted with a loss in membership, and it is usually attributed to the serious financial conditions of the period through which we have been passing. This is only true in part. A study of the records shows that the peak in created Templars was reached in 1921. In that year the Grand and subordinate Commanderies knighted 59,185, and the loss by demits and suspensions was 7,331. In the following two years the knightings dropped to 30,154, and demits and suspensions were 8,867. That ratio continued until 1933-4.

The loss in membership was apparent before the so-called depression made its appearance in 1929. The real reason for this condition was the fact that the Order was suffering from a case of acute indigestion. We had been adding names by the thousand to the membership rolls, but only occasionally *creating* a Knight Templar. We failed utterly to take advantage of our golden opportunity and make Templars out of our new material, and they, quickly becoming aware of the fact that our main thought and purpose was "fees and dues," lost interest and furnished the material for the D. N. P. D., list.

We make progress in any worthwhile undertaking from the experience and lessons of the past. When these are ignored, failure succeeds failure. Now that the clouds are breaking and a ray of sunlight appears from time to time in the reports, it is fitting and proper that we should endeavor to profit from the experience of the past and give careful attention in the Constituent Commanderies to the new members as they apply for admission.

The Ancient Order of Knights Templar, with which we claim a connection that we cannot prove, required its candidates to take upon themselves three vows—Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. They existed

for almost two centuries, and in time all of the vows were forgotten. This was the real reason for their sudden and complete suppression within a period of six years. Had they remained true to their vows, no power of King, Prince or Potentate could have accomplished their downfall.

Let us learn a lesson from the past. Modern Templars have taken upon themselves certain vows. We have pledged our swords in defense of the Christian Religion. Our standards bear the Cross of Christ, but like the Ancient Templar, we are forgetting our vows. Christianity today is fighting for its very life, and our swords are rusting in their scabbards.

It is a significant fact that the Grand Jurisdiction showing only a limited amount of religious activity, show also a loss in Templar spirit. Let us as Templars awake to our duty and our obligations. Let us prove to the world by our actions that we are Soldiers of the Cross, and that the emblem of the Order has a place in our heart.

Educational Foundation

In the address of M. E. Grand Master Agnew at the 40th Triennial Conclave at Miami in 1937, occurs this significant statement:

"No fraternal organization can long exist without a serious objective."

The "Forward movement" proposed at New Orleans by our late M. E. Grand Master Joseph Kyle Orr, furnishes the objective for the Christian Order of Knights Templar of the United States, and every Templar has a right to feel proud of his part as a contributor to this revolving fund under the supervision of the Grand Encampment and administered by the Grand Commanderies of the various States.

Of course we made mistakes in the beginning. We had before us only a dream or a vision, and we were trying to make it a reality. It was to be expected that there would be a diversity of opinion as to how the fund should be administered, and this very condition has given us the benefit of the best minds within our jurisdiction.

Each succeeding Triennial has adopted amendments in methods, and the end is not yet. Changing conditions in the future will undoubtedly call for changes in our rules and regulations, but the fundamental principle of having a fixed objective, will not change.

We note from some jurisdictions the suggestion that the income from this fund should be used to establish scholarships, and the loan idea with its "promise to pay" should be eliminated. We are not at all in sympathy with this idea. The "gimme" attitude is altogether too prevalent in the world today. Many of our young men and women are of the opinion that the world owes them a living, when it is very plain from the teaching of the Scriptures, that we all owe to the world the services of a devoted life.

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The Educational Foundation is a character building institution; it encourages financial responsibility; develops a sense of honor, and starts the student off on the proper road to success.

The statistical tables appended at the close of the review will give our readers definite information as to the magnitude of the work. The infant of 1922 has developed into a great philanthropic undertaking.

The vision has become a reality

The dream has come true.

Nomenclature

It is not the purpose of the writer to take issue with those who may have different opinions regarding the use of titles. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment are very clear upon this subject. Section 54 is so plain that even a novice in Templary may understand it, and the only reason for error is carelessness or a disagreement with its provisions. We are not prepared to say that it is the best or most convenient form, but it is the law of the Grand Encampment and should be observed so long as it remains upon our Statutes.

The very best way to secure an amendment to an unsatisfactory law or Statute, is to insist upon its strict enforcement, so let us abide by the regulations until the "wisdom of future generations" may decide to amend them.

Statistics

Figures are always interesting, be they election returns, bank balances, or what have you. We will touch lightly on statistics in the body of the review. Appended our readers will find a table giving a bird's eye view of Templar work during the year 1939 as shown by the Proceedings.

Reviews

Believing that a shorter review would receive a more general distribution and the reduced cost of printing would be an inducement to Grand Jurisdictions to incorporate same in the Proceedings, we have endeavored to condense the work without neglecting essential facts.

At the present time about one half of the Grand Commanderies confine their printed Proceedings to approximately one hundred pages or less, and as one Grand Recorder remarked, "When we bind in two hundred extra pages of review it is like the tail wagging the dog."

Sir Knight Clark in the prologue for his review for 1938, very properly says:

"It was not the intention that the Grand Encampment Reviewer take the place of the Reviewer of Grand Commanderies, except when so desired for financial or other reasons. An able and competent Reviewer is a real asset and his services should be retained whenever possible."

Let us hope that as financial conditions improve, we will find the several jurisdictions returning to the individual review, and both old and new faces appearing again at the "Round Table."

It has been a pleasant journey through the Proceedings of the various jurisdictions. I am deeply grateful to Most Eminent Grand Master Norris for the appointment, and I trust that those who may peruse this humble effort may catch a new inspiration of our Christian Order and face the future with renewed Faith and Courage.

ALABAMA

The Sir Knights of the Cotton State held their Seventy-ninth Annual Conclave in the City of Birmingham, April 26, 1939, with Sir Knight James M. Frazer as Right Eminent Grand Commander. His picture appears in civilian clothes. From his biography we learn that he is an ardent, zealous and faithful worker in every branch of the Order.

Previous to the convening of the Grand Commandery, religious services were conducted in the Small Auditorium of the Masonic Temple under the direction of the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Oscar P. Spiegel. His sermon is printed in full: Subject: "The Pre-eminence of Jesus Christ."

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers, nine of the twenty-one living Past Grand Commanders and thirty-four Grand Representatives. The commissions of the Grand Representatives of Arkansas, Mississippi and Pennsylvania were forfeited by reason of failure to attend the Annual Conclaves for three successive years.

Visitors were present from Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana. The personal representative of the Grand Master was Sir Knight D. Peter Laguens, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Louisiana.

When we turn to the address of the Grand Commander we find just what we would expect after a glance at his portrait. A business administration, full of hope for the future. He says:

"Our net loss in membership is very materially reduced. We have lived within our income. Our financial condition is improving, and from visits I have made I am very much encouraged."

In his Christmas Circular he sounds a challenge to all Templars:

"Never before in the history of the world have the enemies of the Christian religion, the enemies of Democracy, the enemies of Freemasonry, the foes of Deity, Justice, Truth and Liberty, been as active and aggressive throughout the world and within our own country, as they are at the present time. Therefore, let us renew our vows. Let us re-dedicate and devote our lives to the cause that we have so solemnly espoused, confident in the belief that out of such devotion His Kingdom will come."

He granted nine Dispensations, five of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions. Two Decisions were rendered and approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Grand Commandery favors the establishment of Fellowships by the Educational Foundation, and adopted the following Resolution:

"That, the Grand Commandery of Alabama heartily endorse the idea of Establishment of Fellowships by the Educational Foundation, and that the Grand Master's suggestions as to method of procedure be referred to the Educational Foundation Committee of this Grand Commandery for study and report at the next Annual Conclave."

Sir Knight Theodore F. Mathes, Past Eminent Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, of New Orleans presented greetings from the "oldest Commandery South of New York. The Charter of this Commandery was granted by the Grand Encampment (now Grand Commandery) of New York at a Special Conclave called for that purpose in New York City, March 4, 1816, and Joseph Cerneau was designated as their representative near the Grand Encampment (Commandery) of New York. The original number was six, later changed by the Grand Commandery of Louisiana to No. 1.

Action was taken upon the suggestion of Grand Master Norris in the establishment of Zones to reduce the cost of visitations on the part of the Grand Master or his representatives. An amendment to the Constitution was offered, changing the date of the Annual Conclave to the first Monday in April, if and when the Grand Master announces his program.

The statistical report of the Grand Recorder shows a marked improvement. An increase of nine in the number knighted, nineteen in those affiliated and restored, with a net loss of 98 as compared with 151 last year.

The report of the Auditor shows a cash surplus of \$13,085.02, an increase of \$959.85 over last year.

It would appear from the report of the Educational Foundation that a new committee operated from June 15, 1938, due to resignations of former members. During the six and one half months period thirty loans were made amounting to \$2,785.00. From January 1 to June 15, loans amounted to \$1,100.00, making a total of \$3,885.00, with collections of \$2,941.05.

Cyrene Commandery No. 10, the Host Commandery, served a banquet on Wednesday evening, April 26. The guest speaker was Sir Knight Horace L. Villee, Eminent Grand Warder of Mississippi, whose interesting reviews have been an outstanding feature of these Proceedings. He sketched the early history of the Order, and then says:

"Today the Christian Sir Knights of the Order of the Temple are no longer called upon to wield their shining swords against hordes of infidels

who would desecrate the Holy Places of Christendom; but these swords are still carried as a visible reminder that should an occasion arise, Templars are ready to use them to defend their faith.—We say to those outside our Order that ours is a Christian Order. Sir Knights it should not be necessary for us to make such a statement at all. It should be a self-evident fact.—Today we are being challenged to maintain and defend the Christian religion, and to aid pilgrims traveling the dangerous pathways of life toward the New Jerusalem."

REVIEW

Alabama is one of the jurisdictions making use of the Grand Encampment review, and the review prepared by Sir Knight William H. Tester is included in the Proceedings.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN H. SAXON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT GUY T. SMITH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Montgomery, April 24, 1940.

ARIZONA

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona was held in the City of Douglas, Monday, March 27, 1939, and a copy of the Proceedings was received May 15. Prompt action on the part of Grand Recorder Johns.

The Proceedings carries an excellent portrait of Sir Knight Arnold Cruickshank, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in uniform. He was born in England, came to America in 1895, and has been a resident of Prescott, Arizona for the past thirty-five years.

Prior to the convening of the Annual Conclave, devotional services were held at the First Methodist Church, with a sermon by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and Rev. Fred A. Line. His subject—"Building the Kingdom by Doing the Will."

Arizona is one of the smaller members of the Grand Encampment family, but numbers have no connection with loyalty. We find every officer present for roll call, and every one of the seven Constituent Commanderies represented, eight of the nineteen living Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Anthony A. Johns being the Dean of those present, his year of service—1902. Twenty-two Grand Representatives answered roll call. Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was announced and escorted into the Asylum by the Past Grand Commanders.

The Grand Commander in opening his address calls attention to the liberty which allows us to assemble and transact our business without interference from outside sources, and that we should express our grati-

tude by our conduct to the outside world. A timely thought. All too often we accept our daily blessings as a matter of course, and fail to recognize our individual responsibility.

Four commissions were issued to Grand Representatives, and four Special Dispensations were granted. The York Rite Festival at Tucson was continued, and, as in the past, was very successful. The usual Christmas circular was issued, but there is no record of observance by the Constituent Commanderies.

Illness prevented the Grand Commander from carrying out his plan of visitations. He did, however, make one to Ivanhoe No. 2, and acted as Prelate in conferring the Order of the Temple.

Three loans were made by the Educational Foundation Committee, amounting to \$400.00. Collections amounted to \$640.00 on principal and \$72.82 on interest. Expenses were \$50.00, leaving a net operating profit of \$28.82.

A resolution was adopted instructing the Recorder to send a letter of sympathy under the seal of the *Lodge* to Sir Knight Ephriam J. Bennett, Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1895.

Nineteen pages of the Proceedings are given up to the rosters of the Constituent Commanderies. We fail to see the value of this information, particularly when it includes the names of Sir Knights who have been dropped for non-payment of dues.

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No review.

Number of Commanderies	7
Membership 1938	461
Net loss	19

SIR KNIGHT HENRY P. JOHNSON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT ANTHONY A. JOHNS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Prescott, April 1, 1940.

ARKANSAS

The Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock, Tuesday, May 16, 1939, with Sir Knight James H. Penick, Right Eminent Grand Commander presiding.

The roll call shows twelve Grand Officers, thirteen of the seventeen living Past Grand Commanders, and the Representatives of eleven of the

sixteen Constituent Commanderies. Thirty Grand Representatives were present. A good record. A telegram of greeting was received from Sir Knight W. C. Gordon, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Harold G. Durnell, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

Grand Commander Penick confines his address to five pages. He reports six visits, twelve dispensations, and the appointment of two Grand Representatives. One charter was arrested. He says:

"In a number of the Commanderies I find that the younger Sir Knights are not taking an active interest, due to the fact that they have not been assigned duties by the older Sir Knights. I particularly suggest that the incoming Grand Commander attempt to secure greater interest on the part of the newly elected Sir Knights."

This is worth while advice, and if followed up will reduce the number of delinquents.

The Grand Commander made three recommendations:

First: An increase in the appropriation for the Grand Commander.
Second: A souvenir for the Triennial at Cleveland.
Third: The appointment of an Inspector-General.

The Finance Committee said "Yes" to the first, and raised the ante \$50.00.

The Triennial Committee said "No" on the souvenir—Reason—lack of funds.

The third recommendation on Inspector-General was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and no action is reported.

There is a gem of thought in the conclusion of his address:

"Let us give thanks that we live in a country in which the rights of free speech, a free press and freedom of religion are still available to all. Let us labor diligently in the work of our Grand Order in order that we may preserve these rights and those Christian virtues that grace the life of a true Knight of the Cross."

The Committee on Necrology pays a tribute to the memory of Sir Knight Arthur C. Becker, Grand Commander in 1929, and Grand Recorder from 1934 to 1938. He was elected and installed Grand Recorder May 17, 1938, and died May 29, 1938. His successor, Sir Knight Woodlief A. Thomas, presents a good report, but slips occasionally in the use of titles. Six of the sixteen Commanderies knighted candidates. One Commandery—Ivanhoe No. 18, had thirty-three candidates and reports a gain of twelve, which shows what can be accomplished when the officers of a Commandery are animated by the Templar spirit. The net loss was 73, and the present membership—1,240.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows an income of \$1,857.87 and disbursements of \$2,017.57. The Bank balance—\$1,917.93 was \$159.70 less than last year. We seem to recall reading items in the daily press regarding unbalanced budgets.

The Grand Commandery is of the opinion that they should be permitted to carry banners in the Triennial parade, and presented a resolution to that effect, which was adopted.

Sir Knight Charles E. Pierce was elected R. E. Grand Commander for 1939-40, and a picture in full Templar uniform together with a biographical sketch appears as we open the Proceedings.

The minutes were read and approved—good.

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No Review.

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES E. PIERCE,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WOODLIEF A. THOMAS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Little Rock, May 21, 1940.

CALIFORNIA

The Grand Commandery of California convened at Oakland, Monday, April 24, 1939, for the Eighty-first Annual Conclave with Sir Knight Augustus Kempkey, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presiding. A portrait of the Grand Commander in full Templar uniform is shown on the first page of the Proceedings.

The Mayor of Oakland, Sir Knight Vinton S. Malcom, who is also the Eminent Commander of the Host Commandery, extended a welcome.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers, fourteen of the nineteen living Past Grand Commanders, headed by Sir Knight William D. Stephens whose year of service was 1908. Twenty-six Grand Representatives, and delegates from sixty-four Constituent Commanderies.

Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was duly received accompanied by Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, a Past Grand Commander of California, and the present Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment. All branches of the York Rite were represented by the presiding officers.

In the opening paragraph of his address the Grand Commander gives his concept of the office:

"The Order, it should ever be borne in mind, is semi-military in character. Service in it, therefore, is voluntary, and not by command. The Grand Commander must fully realize this essential fact, and if his work is to be effective, he must at all times strive to lead—not command."

Five conferences of Council Officers were held at the call of the Grand Commander, which resulted in a marked increase in interest and enthusiasm. The Constituent Commanderies were grouped for visitation. Fourteen visits were made covering every portion of the State.

Thirty-six dispensations were granted, twenty-eight of which were to ballot and confer Orders in less than statutory time.

The Grand Commander was concerned about the meetings of the Constituent Commanderies, and this might well be given serious thought by every Grand Commander, for there is where Templary is born and where it should come to full fruition. The backbone of our Order is the Baldrick Knight. A booklet was published under the title "An Appraisal of the Interest of the Sir Knight in the Order of Knights Templar." An appraisal was made of the efficiency of the Commanders and Recorders, with good results.

The Grand Commander made a number of observations on "The Good of the Order." He is of the opinion that the possession of a uniform is of doubtful value, and suggests as a remedy a plan requiring each Commandery to maintain a prescribed number of uniforms, such number to represent a percentage of 15% to 20% of its total membership. Each candidate to contribute a small sum which should be empounded in a special fund. The uniforms to be the property of the Commandery. The matter was referred to a committee to report at the next Annual Conclave. We quote from his closing paragraph:

"Masonry emphasizes above all else, the importance and the responsibility of man as an individual; that he is of Divine creation, possessed of a soul, and endowed with the power of individual choice.

"Shall we not then, as men and as Knights Templar, both accept and meet our responsibilities as such? Our beloved country will be great only as we, its individual citizens, make it great.

"The destiny of Templary can be achieved ultimately only when Knights Templar as individuals, shall so will in sincerity and in truth."

A resolution was presented providing a Life Membership for a Knight Templar who had paid dues for fifty years. The Jurisprudence Committee called attention to the fact that it was contrary to Grand Commandery Law, and it was not adopted.

The Committee on Templar History and Information presented a report of their activities and recommended an appropriation of \$350.00 for next year, but the Committee on Policy and General Purposes, said "No" and this very interesting Templar Bulletin will cease for financial reasons.

The report of the Educational Foundation Committee includes the figures prepared by the Certified Public Accountants, and a short supplementary report by the committee. We note from this that the amount loaned was on \$1,975.00, while collections were \$10,219.50. Total amount of interest \$3,600.15, expenses \$4,236.89. The committee attributes the small amount of loans to the liberality of the Government in granting aid to students and the increased cost of administration to the high fee paid collection agencies.

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No Review, but a report on "Foreign Relations" is presented by Sir Knight J. T. Fraser, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in California.

SIR KNIGHT ROLLO E. GOODRICH,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT THOMAS A. DAVIES,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, San Francisco, April 22, 1940.

COLORADO

The Grand Commandery of Colorado assembled for the Sixty-fourth Annual Conclave in Denver, Friday, September 22, 1939. The Proceedings show a portrait of Sir Knight Lon M. Philbrick, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in civilian dress. In these days when we are striving earnestly for recognition of the uniform, it would seem altogether fitting and proper that a Sir Knight who has been honored with the office of Grand Commander should appear in the garb of a Templar. He was born in Maine where he received the degrees in the York Rite, later affiliating with the Bodies of the Rite in Denver.

The Grand Commandery convened with all Grand Officers present. Sixteen of the twenty-two living Past Grand Commanders, headed by Sir Knight Arthur E. Jones, Grand Commander in 1905. Thirty-five Grand Representatives, and delegates from twenty-eight of the thirty-six Constituent Commanderies. Sir Knight William T. Albrecht, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Nebraska, and Sir Knight Eric S. Kintsel, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of New Mexico, were greeted as guests. This was followed by the reception of Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master. The roll of deceased Past Grand Commanders was called by the Grand Recorder. The list contains thirty-nine names from 1876 to 1939, including Sir Knight George W. Vallery, who was Grand Master in 1925.

The address of the Grand Commander is confined to eight pages. Reading between the lines it is apparent that he was handicapped by physical disabilities which prevented the carrying out of his original program. Commenting upon the period which has elapsed since the organization in 1876, he says:

"In that period research and inventions have revolutionized the thoughts and ways of men. Long established customs and standards have been abandoned, and a new order exists. Maps of the Old World have been warped by continual conquest, and today its countries are being ravished by scientific barbarism and countless lives sacrificed to satisfy the lust of distorted minds.

"In this land of ours, territorial boundaries remain practically unchanged and unguarded—the home of a yet free people. These contrasting conditions serve to emphasize the fact that the objective of the Templar army has not been reached; that its crusade in the interest of all humanity must continue until the moral forces of peace shall replace those of arms, and a continuing peace is inscribed in the hearts and souls of men."

One Dispensation was granted to receive and ballot upon a petition at a special conclave. He was of the opinion that it was not in accordance with their Statute Law, but as it was a part of a York Rite Festival, he granted same, and as result five Knights Templar were created. No action was reported by the Jurisprudence Committee, and as silence gives consent, we conclude it was approved. He gives membership statistics covering a period of twenty-five years, and gives the real reason for the loss. Here is what he says:

"During recent years commentators have cited various reasons for Templar recession. War, depression, oppression, and even prosperity have been accused, tried, and in most cases, acquitted. Close observation, however, prompts the thought that the real offenders are to be found within our own ranks. We who have ignored sacred obligations and failed to order our lives in accord with the lessons and divine truths imparted at the triangle, and thereby lost for the Order its once exalted position, must acknowledge our guilt."

An old negro preacher once used the expression "We is in status quo" and then explained for the edification of his hearers, "That is Latin for the mess we is in." Well, Grand Commander Philbrick has given us plain English for present conditions. Grand Master Norris, in his address, which is published in full, compliments the Grand Commander upon having the courage to put his finger upon the sore spot of our troubles.

Attention was called to the decreasing income and the necessity of reorganizing the financial affairs. Some drastic changes were made in the interest of economy.

The Grand Treasurer reports total assets \$6,576.18.

The report of the Educational Foundation shows a revolving fund. Over 70% of the total assets is invested in students. Seventy-nine loans were made amounting to \$13,445.00. Payments received—\$4,114.25. Interest from all sources—\$1,680.99. Operating expense—\$1,167.00.

The Committee on Necrology report the death of Sir Knight Eugene P. Shove, Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1896.

The officers were installed by Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, with Sir Knight Karl G. Brown, Past Grand Commander, acting as Grand Marshal.

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SIR KNIGHT CARL G. BRADFIELD,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES A. PATTON,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Denver, September 20, 1940.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Conclave of Connecticut convened in Willimantic, May 2, 1939, with Sir Knight Otto B. Robinson as Right Eminent Grand Commander. His portrait appears upon the first page in full Templar uniform. From the biographical sketch we learn that he was born in New Jersey, but early in life took a demit and affiliated with Connecticut. He entered the Masonic Order in 1911, and since that time has been active in all branches of the York and Scottish Rite.

The roll call shows all Grand Officers present, also ten of the twenty living Past Grand Commanders, twenty-one Grand Representatives and delegates from each of the twelve Constituent Commanderies. Sir Knight Walter A. De Lamater, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of New York and present Right Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master. Visitors were present from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New Jersey, Vermont and New York. Sir Knight Harry F. Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Council, was a guest.

The address of the Grand Commander is short and confined to local matters. He reports the death of Past Grand Commander Sir Knight Frank M. Scott, Grand Commander in 1914, and their Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Willis N. Barber, who passed away March 18, 1939. Four Dispensations were granted and one refused, all of which were approved.

Christmas was observed by every one of the twelve Constituent Commanderies with a total attendance of 494, and collections for charitable purposes of over \$400.00. This would indicate the high standard of Templary in Connecticut.

The Grand Commander made a total of nineteen visits, and attended the annual conclaves of New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and New Jersey. He believes in keeping in touch with the Ma-

sonic bodies which produce material for the Commanderies, and attended the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. He made two recommendations. First, that the Grand Recorder should preserve at least one copy of each year's Proceedings in his office. This would seem to be the natural thing for a Grand Recorder to do without a regulation. In fact, we do not see how he could keep house without them. The second, that the salary of the Grand Recorder be \$500.00, to include rent, heat and light, all of which were adopted.

Upon the death of Grand Recorder Barber who had served since the resignation of Sir Knight Eli C. Birdsey in 1928, the Grand Commander appointed Sir Knight Frank E. Sands, Past Grand Commander, as Acting Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Sands was ill and not able to attend the conclave, and Sir Knight Irville A. May was elected Grand Recorder. We bid him welcome to the "round table" which will meet in Cleveland in 1940.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that the total income, including \$500.00 transferred from the Trustees, was \$2,770.54, and the expense was \$3,310.40. This includes an item of \$200.00 for the Committee on Correspondence, and all we find in the Proceedings is this—"Sir Knights of Connecticut desiring a copy of the Review (Grand Encampment) can procure one, paper bound, at 40 cents by sending to "William Mitchell Printing Company" Greenfield, Indiana.

Acting Grand Recorder Sands assumed office March 21, 1939. The Annual Conclave was May 2, and during that short interval it was his duty to pick up the broken threads and prepare a report. He did a good job. The report shows a net loss of 222.

The Grand Inspector presents a very complete report showing in detail the result of the Inspections. We are not familiar with the method of rating, but we extend congratulations. Seven Commanderies rated 100%, three 99%, and two—98%.

The Educational Foundation presents the report in the form for the Grand Encampment, without comment. Loans—\$6,350.00. Collections—\$7,642.15. Interest from students—\$2,396.38. Operating expenses—\$1,377.97.

REVIEW

No Review.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM P. HEMMING,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT IRVILLE A. MAY,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Stamford, May 7, 1940.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

On the first page of the Proceedings we find a full length portrait of Sir Knight James Graham, Right Eminent Grand Commander in full Templar uniform. We learn from his biography that he was a Canadian by birth, and that he affiliated with the United States in 1887, moving finally to Washington, D. C., where he has resided for the past forty years.

The Grand Commandery convened for the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave on May 8, 1939, with all Grand Officers present except the Grand Prelate. Eleven of the fifteen living Past Grand Commanders and twenty-six Grand Representatives.

Visitors from Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia were introduced and greeted by the Grand Commander. Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Virginia, and the present Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment was the personal representative of the Grand Master. He was conducted into the asylum by an escort of Past Grand Commanders. Later he presented the message from the Grand Master, but it does not appear in the Proceedings.

Grand Commander Graham was so full of his subject when he opened his address that he expressed a wish for some one to make a concise and effective presentation in summarizing the work and activities during the year. He gave liberally of his time and enjoyed his reward. He says:

"To me it has been a year of opportunity. Each day has been replete with the thrill of new adventure, the inspiration of new friendships, fond memories that will abide through all the years, have been my generous compensation.

"The organization that devotes itself solely to material accomplishments, and leaves behind a record of work done for the material welfare of its members deserves well of its time and place, but that Order whose ideal of fraternal service creates within its membership a higher conception of individual responsibility to mankind; a conception of brotherhood as expressed in the spirit of fraternity in the ordinary affairs of life, earns a lasting gratitude of man."

This is a gem of thought, worthy of serious consideration. Too often we place the material above the spiritual things of life. We measure life by the wrong yard stick. We think in terms of numbers and dollars. Grand Commander Graham rose above these material things and caught the vision of service and friendship—the life blood of our Order.

No decisions were rendered, and only two Dispensations, both of which were in accordance with Templar law, and were approved.

He attended the Grand Conclaves in Virginia and Maryland, and repeatedly visited the Constituent Commanderies in Maryland. Within

his own jurisdiction he made numerous visits to each one of the Commanderies. One occasion is worthy of note. On the visit to his own Commandery, Washington, No. 1, he conferred the Order of the Temple, assisted by the other Grand Officers filling the several stations, which indicates that Grand Officers in addition to their other duties are also familiar with the Ritual. We recommend this to other jurisdictions.

Christmas, Easter and Ascension days were observed. The outstanding event was the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington on April 9. More than twelve thousand people were present. The Grand Commander says:

"The attendance, which involved no small sacrifice in many instances, the services being held at such an early hour, their presence was but another evidence of their devotion to the cause of Templary."

The Frates from the District of Columbia participated in the Ascension Day services at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, one hundred and seventy-four Sir Knights making the pilgrimage.

Commenting on the "Condition of the Order" the Grand Commander again sounds the key note of his administration. He says:

"As a rule the total of successful achievement is wrongly measured by the numerical results of the year's work. It is, of course, desirable that the number of our members be maintained or even increased, but other results are of equal importance. The continuation of interest, an increase in attendance, and the development of a true Templar spirit are, in a large measure, the basis for all other achievements. It should be our constant and earnest prayer that God's truth and man's righteousness may prevail on earth and that hate and greed and war and rumors of war may be forever banished."

The report of the Inspector General shows an improvement over last year. The attendance rated 14.7% over 1938 and the Commandery ratings improved 7.89%. The inspections include the personal examination of the Commanders-Elect as to their qualifications for conferring the Orders.

Two loans were made by the Educational Foundation amounting to \$400.00. The committee reports success in the collection of overdue loans, and again attributes the lack of applications to the activities of the National Youth Administration, submitting some interesting figures:

"For the 1938-1939 school year, the N. Y. A., is giving financial aid to 944 District of Columbia students in the amount of \$127,440.00. It is also aiding 287 students in the nearby University of Maryland, allotting \$38,745.00 for that purpose. This aid is an outright grant, no repayment being required. Under these conditions needy students will, of course, not borrow funds which must be repaid."

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net loss of \$106, an increase of 77 over last year.

REVIEW

For many years the review was written by Sir Knight James A. West, Eminent Past Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2. They were always interesting and instructive. Sir Knight West passed away on January 14, 1939, and a copy of the review prepared by Sir Knight William H. Tester for the Grand Encampment, is made a part of the Proceedings.

SIR KNIGHT J. FRED HUBER,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT J. CLAUDE KEIPER,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Washington, D. C., May 13, 1940.

FLORIDA

The Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Florida (The Feast of Flowers) is the smallest to cross our desk this year, sixty-four pages including the index. We find a portrait of Grand Commander Joseph Borman in white Fatigue uniform. Well, as we recall the temperature in '37, we approve the uniform.

The Grand Commandery assembled in Jacksonville, May 16, 1939, for the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave. A street parade was held at 6:30 P. M., followed by a church service conducted by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Harry L. Taylor. A portion of the sermon is published in the Proceedings. It is a challenge to the Templar of today:

"The Ancient Order of the Temple did indeed perform deeds of exalted character—defended Pilgrims on the way to Holy Places, and fought to wrest the Holy Land from the power of the Infidel.

"It is easier to display physical powers than to live righteous lives—to fight the foe without than to conquer the foe within. It is easy to wear the Cross—to display the Symbols of Christian faith, but it is far harder to bear the Cross—to live a true consistent life.

"The true Knight Templar faces a world hostile to Jesus Christ and his Gospel—We must advance the Standards of the Christian Religion in an evil and avaricious world."

The roll call shows all Grand Officers except the Grand Junior Warden, who died February 7, 1939, and Grand Captain of the Guard. Fifteen of the nineteen living Past Grand Commanders and thirty-six Grand Representatives. The Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council were represented. Sir Knight Robert Strong, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Alabama was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Commander is very brief, three pages, and confined strictly to local matters.

The Grand Recorder called attention to the report of a special committee on Hospitaler's Movement as recorded in the Proceedings of South Dakota for 1938. It is printed in full. Four pages, but we fail to find any action or further reference to it in the Proceedings.

The report of Grand Recorder Fish shows that they knighted thirty-four as compared with fifty-nine last year, and the net loss is 129 against 51 in 1938. Finances seem to have improved. The balance last year was \$2,461.32. This year the Treasurer reports \$3,350.66.

The Educational Foundation Committee reports \$1,500.00 in new loans and \$2,260.57 collected. A resolution was adopted requesting the committee to report at the next Annual Conclave all notes or claims for money loaned to students, giving names, addresses and amount loaned, amount paid, also the names of the Commanderies recommending the student.

The Grand Commandery adopted a white uniform and the specifications for same are printed with this note—(Those who have the black uniform may use same, but all new uniforms shall comply with specifications.)

The minutes were read and adopted—good.

REVIEW

No Review.

SIR KNIGHT RALPH G. REYNOLDS,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT CARY B. FISH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Orlando, May 22, 1940.

GEORGIA

The Proceedings comes to our desk with the familiar nine pointed star upon the cover, and a portrait of Sir Knight James Carmichael Newton, Right Eminent Grand Commander, on the first page in Templar uniform. The biographical sketch by Grand Recorder Wood informs us that he has six brothers, all Masons, and five of them Knights Templar. Truly a Masonic family.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Conclave convened at Gainesville, May 10, 1939, with Pilgrim Commandery No. 15 as host. Prior to the convening of the Grand Commandery, religious services were conducted at the First Methodist Church under the direction of the Grand Prelate, Sir and Rev. J. C. Wilkinson.

The report of the Committee on Credentials states that the "complete list is on file in the Grand Recorder's office" but it is not published, and we have only the statement of the Committee that all Commanderies were represented. All of the Line Officers, and thirteen of the eighteen living Past Grand Commanders were present. If there were any Grand Representatives present they are not mentioned. Sir Knight James P. Gregory, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master. Representatives were present from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

Grand Commander Newton is active in the civic life of his native State, but he finds time to faithfully discharge his Masonic duties. We quote this paragraph from his address:

"Just one year and four months before you made me your Grand Commander, my work called me to the State Capitol, forty-five miles from Jackson. In order for the site of the Grand Commandery to be in Jackson, the home of Alexius Commandery, I have driven the ninety miles to and from work six days a week since January 1, 1937, or a total of about seventy thousand miles. This has been a task, but I could not disappoint my Commandery and move my residence just a little more than a year before I became Grand Commander."

Seventy thousand miles! Just one evidence of his loyalty. He pays a splendid tribute to the memory of Sir Knight Joseph Kyle Orr, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who was also Grand Commander of Georgia in 1895. In common with many other Grand Commanders he questions the application of the Social Security Act to the Masonic Order, and particularly to the Grand Commandery. He reports having secured a promise from the Senior U. S. Senator to propose an amendment exempting fraternal organizations. Let us hope he may be successful. He rendered three Decisions which appear to be in accordance with Templar Law, and were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Eighteen of the twenty-nine Commanderies observed Christmas as compared with ten last year. He says:

"I sincerely hope the increase will continue until every Commandery in Georgia will hold these Christmas Observance meetings."

May this hope be an inspiration to all jurisdictions. If the time ever comes when all Commanderies under the Grand Encampment will faithfully observe this important religious festival, the "loss in membership" will be a forgotten theme.

The Grand Commander announces with regret the resignation of the veteran Grand Recorder, Charles S. Wood, who had served for over thirty years. One by one the old warriors of Templary are dropping out of active service, not because of indifference, loss of loyalty or interest, but because time has taken its toll. First to note this year was Joseph Lindsay of South Carolina, now comes "Uncle Charlie" Wood,

the Grand Old Man of Georgia. He was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus for life with a salary attached. Sir Knight W. J. Penn, Jr., was appointed as his successor. We extend greetings to the new face at the Round Table, and with deep regret say "Good Bye" to Charlie Wood.

Fourteen Dispensations were granted, twelve of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions. Section No. 80 of the Grand Encampment Constitution was evidently intended for emergencies. It would seem from reports that these emergencies were becoming "standard form."

The Grand Commander personally visited all but three of the Constituent Commanderies. Quoting Longfellow: "The supreme excellence is simplicity" he says he tried to be a plain ordinary man, doing his best for the Grand Commandery, and the hope that he may have many more years of usefulness. There speaks the spirit of a Templar.

The finances seem to be in good shape, the balance on hand being \$17,945.64, which is \$3,487.10 more than last year. The net loss in membership is seventy-five compared with sixty-six in 1938.

The report of the Educational Foundation Committee reflects the fact that this jurisdiction was the Templar Home of its founder. Eleven pages are given up to the report and statistics, and show the Fund to be in good financial condition. Loans amounted to \$13,192.95 with collections of \$15,246.88 and interest \$5,831.24. We quote the closing paragraph:

"While this report has dealt almost entirely with material things, let us remember Sir Knights, that the dream of the beloved founder of this movement was that it have a spiritual influence which would be far greater than any material benefit. If through the medium of this Foundation we can build up the spirit of Templary throughout our country, we will have contributed much to preserve the freedom of America. God grant that we shall have some part in instilling into the youth of our land the understanding that only by retaining an appreciation of spiritual and human values can they overcome the slavery which will result from dictators and totalitarian government."

REVIEW

No Review.

SIR KNIGHT WATTS POWELL,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM J. PENN, JR.,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Valdosta, May 8, 1940.

IDAHO

A Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Idaho was held in the Masonic Temple at Boise on April 14, 1939, for the purpose of

receiving the Grand Master. This event was called the most significant happening in the Templar year. We quote from the foreword:

"So far as the memory of man runneth, aided and abetted by the even less helpful records of the Grand Recorder, this was the first occasion of an official visit of a Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

"Especial mention is due his scholarly address at the banquet given in his honor to Sir Knights and their ladies the evening of the Conclave. For more than an hour Sir Knight Norris held the close attention of his audience in the crowded dining room of the Hotel Boise."

Six of the Grand Line Officers, six Past Grand Commanders and fourteen Grand Representatives were present at the Special Conclave.

Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, was duly received by an escort of Past Grand Commanders. Following the address of the Grand Master a set of resolutions was adopted expressing thanks to all who had participated and the Special Conclave adjourned.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave convened in the Masonic Temple at Wallace, May 18, 1939. The report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers, except the Grand Captain General, nine of the seventeen living Past Grand Commanders, including Sir Knight George Doehne, Jr., Grand Commander in 1912, twenty-two Grand Representatives and delegates from fourteen of the fifteen Constituent Commanderies. Sir Knight Roderick W. Jones, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Washington was received. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council were represented by the presiding Grand Officers.

The address of Grand Commander John A. Johnson is very short, confined to five pages, but the year of his term had the usual twelve months and he filled them full of service, with good results. An outstanding feature of his report, which should furnish food for thought in many jurisdictions, was the revival of a dormant Commandery. He personally contacted the resident members; arranged for a special election and installation of officers, and the Commandery conferred the Order of the Red Cross upon eight candidates before the close of the Templar year. His personal service turned a liability into an asset. He visited every Commandery in the State, and says:

"This has required many miles of travel and much time has been expended, but I feel that these visits have been profitable. Meeting the Sir Knights in their respective Asylums gave us the opportunity of exchanging ideas, promoting interest in Templarism and strengthening friendships."

Eleven Dispensations were granted, only one to receive and ballot upon a petition.

An unusual feature of the Christmas Observance was the fact that he invited the Grand Master of Masons and the Grand High Priest to join with him in a message to our Brother Masons and they graciously complied. Eleven of the fifteen Constituent Commanderies reported. He

recommends that in the future the invitation to this service include the Cryptic Rite.

The death of Sir Knight Edward R. Chrisman, Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1932, is reported.

In the afternoon session we note the presence of Sir Knight George W. Sommer, Past Grand Commander of Washington, and Sir Knight Harlon Hart Past Grand Commander of Montana.

Idaho has a committee on Templar Education, and their report would indicate that they are promoting greater interest in the ritualistic and ceremonial work. They recommend the appointment of a representative in each Constituent Commandery who shall attend the school of instruction and become the instructor in his own Commandery. They are also of the opinion that the Sir Knights lack information with reference to the Educational Foundation, and they make this very important and timely recommendation:

"That the report of the Committee on Educational Foundation be required to be read in each Constituent Commandery by the representative of the Educational Foundation Committee at some time during the year."

The report of the Grand Recorder shows that seven of the fifteen Commanderies conferred Orders during the year, one Commandery showing a net gain of eighteen. The net loss for the year was seven. A telegram of fraternal greeting was sent to His Majesty, King George VI.

The Educational Foundation in Idaho is maintaining a revolving fund as shown by the very interesting report of the committee. They started in 1924 with a fund of eight hundred dollars. It now amounts to \$22,995.52. During the period they have loaned \$55,265.20, and collected \$39,583.20. In 1938 they made sixty-three loans of \$7,516.75 and collected \$5,350.54.

REVIEW

There is no Review but again we find ten pages of printed names, including suspensions.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN P. HALLIWELL,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT DANIEL F. BANKS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Pocatello, May 16, 1940.

ILLINOIS

The Proceedings of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Illinois, the last to cross the desk of the reviewer, comes to us with

the American Flag at the top of the mast and embellished with a series of photographs which add greatly to the appearance and value of the volume.

The Eighty-third Annual Conclave was held in the Drake Hotel, Chicago, October 7, 8 and 9, 1939. Sir Knight Frank Ingram Hooper, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The Roll Call shows all Grand Officers except Grand Generalissimo who died April 29, 1939. Sixteen of the eighteen living Past Grand Commanders, thirty-eight Grand Representatives, and delegates from eighty-one of the eighty-four Constituent Commanderies. A commendable record.

A portrait of Grand Commander Hooper appears in full Templar uniform.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois is noted for its unlimited hospitality and the present occasion was no exception. It requires three and one half pages of the printed Proceedings to list the distinguished visitors. We note seven members of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight William L. Sharp (a native son) and Sir Knight Andrew D. Agnew, Most Eminent Past Grand Masters, Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Walter Stover, Right Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, Right Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, and Sir Knight Chester B. Emerson, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, who was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

Representatives were present from New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Maryland, Oklahoma and Indiana. Canada was represented by Sir Knight Allan B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Priory.

The address of the Grand Commander gives evidence of a busy year of constructive work. He granted 117 Dispensations. They are not listed, but he says he granted them under the "guiding influence of Christian Knighthood." No decisions were rendered, as all questions were settled by reference to the Code. He made twenty-five visits and attended forty-five Inspections. He was a visitor at the Grand Conclaves of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Christmas, Easter and Ascension Days were observed. Schools of instruction were held in all of the Districts and the Grand Commander attended each of these. Commenting upon them, he says:

"It has been my observation that the representation of the Commanderies at these schools is also a barometer of their activities in general."

A personal letter was written to each newly created Templar, extending a welcome.

Under the direction of the Grand Commander a Hospitaller's movement was organized. He says:

"When anything worth while is done, it is usually the result of a combination of three elements—Opportunity, Organization and Accomplishment."

He took advantage of the first two elements and produced the third. He feels that under proper supervision the movement will accomplish untold good, not only for those we help, but for the Order of Christian Knighthood.

Commemorative medals were presented to over one hundred members who have served fifty years or more. We quote his comment on the—

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

"In his speech of acceptance of the nomination for United States Senator, made at Springfield, Illinois, on June 16, 1858, Abraham Lincoln said: 'If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it.' During my nine years as a Grand Commandery Officer, I have heard and read many statements concerning the Condition of the Order, many optimistic and many breathing pessimism. As to 'where we are' it is my candid opinion that we are still facing many serious problems. Times have changed and although we must admit that the era of financial depression has been a vital factor, yet we cannot overlook the fact that fraternal organizations do not have the appeal or fill the same niche in the scheme of things as they did twenty or twenty-five years ago.

"I have tried many times to reach a conclusion as to 'whither we are tending.' In this connection it is startling to realize that the loss in membership is not a cause, but an effect; and we are still showing aggregate losses. As an Inspecting Officer, I read minutes of practically every Commandery in the State of Illinois. In too many instances the principal activity of the Commandery was the reading of the minutes of the last stated conclave and the approval of the payment of bills. There has to be more than this to maintain the interest of our members and attract new ones.

"I presume that out of my years of experience as a Grand Commandery Officer, you are interested in my opinion as to the remedy. It is simply this:

"1. To establish and maintain personal contacts with the membership. To make the individual realize that he is a member of the Order of Knights Templar.

"2. To have enough of the right kind of activity in the Commandery to attract and maintain the interest of enough of the members to make it a live organization. You cannot attract them all. We will always have a certain number who merely pay their dues, (and some who do not).

"3. In our daily lives to practice what we preach. To show that we are Knights Templar in fact and not merely in name.

"It is my opinion that the Order of Knights Templar in the State of Illinois will weather the storm, and grow, and prosper, if we do our part."

He states in very positive language the attitude of Knights Templar toward the "isms" that are destructive of civilization:

"We as citizens of this great republic, and as Knights Templar, are unalterably opposed to all activities subversive to our form of government. In these days of turmoil and conflict, we should remember that throughout our land those who are not for us are against us. Today, in these United States of America, there is only one kind of American—a 100% American—an American who is ready to join with his fellow Americans in pledging to the defense of our freedom and our liberties, 'our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.'"

The net loss reported by Grand Recorder Glad is 1,621, an increase of 128 over last year.

The report of the Educational Foundation Committee covering the Templar year September 1, 1938, to August 31, 1939, shows the figures for that period, while the Annual Report, as required by the Grand Encampment, gives the figures from January 1 to December 31, 1939. Quoting from the latter, we note—Loans to students—\$5,865.00. Repayments on principal—\$15,373.00. On interest—\$3,277.80, while the interest on investments amounted to \$7,796.25. Operating costs—\$5,956.50. Required capital—\$305,919.00. Current Assets, December 31, 1939—\$340,348.95. Of this amount \$254,022.64 is invested in securities and savings accounts, and \$61,216.74 in students.

Acting upon the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Commandery amended the Statutes as follows:

"The Election of Officers to be held on the last day of the Annual Conclave."

"Elimination of the Committee on Review and substituting in lieu thereof a Committee on Hospitaler's Activities."

"The organization of an Illinois Templar Brigade and the adoption of the proposed insignia."

Saturday following the close of the business session, a number of drill teams gave exhibition drills in the Chicago Arena, followed by a Brigade Review under the direction of Sir Knight Henry R. Lundblad, Brigade Commander, concluding with the Templar Ball.

Sunday evening, October 8, a formal dinner was served in the Drake Hotel. Sir Knight Chester A. Emerson, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, was the speaker, and his address appears in full in the Proceedings.

REVIEW

There is no review, but we note from General Order issued by Grand Master Norris, that Sir Knight Henry R. Lundblad, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Illinois, has been appointed Official Reviewer of the Grand Encampment for 1940. Before the pressure of economy elim-

inated the reviews for Illinois, Sir Knight Lundblad was one of the outstanding reviewers in the Grand Encampment family. We extend congratulations on this appointment.

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES H. TOOTHE,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT EDWARD A. GLAD,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Quincy, date to be fixed.

INDIANA

The Proceedings open with a portrait of Sir Knight Clyde E. Titus, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform. The strong lines of the face give evidence of a firm and steadfast Templar and this thought is borne out as we read his constructive address.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Conclave convened with all Grand Officers present except the Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Charles O. Grafton, who died March 24, 1939. Sixteen of the twenty living Past Grand Commanders, headed by the old veteran Sir Knight Leonidas P. Newby who was Grand Commander in 1901, and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment in 1922. Three of the remaining Past Grand Commanders sent best wishes and regrets.

The roll call of Grand Representatives show forty-one present and delegates from each of the sixty Constituent Commanderies. The best record to cross our desk this year. Indiana is to be congratulated upon her fine Templar spirit.

It requires a full page of the Proceedings to list the distinguished guests. First comes Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio and the personal representative of the Grand Master followed by delegations from Michigan, Illinois and Tennessee. As evidence of the fraternal relations in this Masonic family, the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council sent delegates, and Sir Knight Gaylard M. Leslie, Past Grand Commander and Deputy for the Scottish Rite sent greetings, and then they paid a tribute to two of their own native sons who are Past Grand Commanders and members of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Leonidas P. Newby, Past Grand Master and Sir Knight Adrian Hamersly, Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

In opening his address the Grand Commander says:

"A year ago you elevated me to the office of Grand Commander of Indiana, and I entered upon the duties of this high office with a full realization of its importance and with the hope that my actions would meet with your approval—The details of the work have, I confess, been somewhat of a burden, but I have been recompensed fully by the joy and satisfaction resulting from the fine fellowship of the lovable fratres with whom I have come in contact."

There is the whole story of Masonic service and its results. Of course it requires sacrifice to fill the office of Grand Commander, but it has its compensations in the lasting friendships which cannot be purchased with the current coin of the realm.

Ten Inspections were held covering fifty-nine of the sixty Constituent Commanderies, and the Grand Commander attended nine. In addition to this he attended fifteen other inspection meetings, made ten visits and was present at the Annual Conclaves of Wisconsin and Ohio.

He granted thirty Dispensations, eleven of which were to ballot upon petitions and six for Eastern Star meetings. Three requests were refused as they were not in accordance with Templar Law. One in particular, merits attention. A request to confer the Master Mason degree in full Templar uniform in a Symbolic Lodge. It shows how an excess of zeal, without mature judgment will lead into trouble.

No Decisions were rendered, which would indicate that the Templar Statutes were studied in Indiana.

The Grand Commander reports knighting his own son in Raper Commandery No. 1. He says it was an honor and a privilege. We can well appreciate that statement and extend congratulations.

The report of Grand Recorder Swintz contains an item of two lines which the casual reader will pass without a thought of its importance or the infinite labor to make it possible. He says:

"Cards are now on file for all who are now or ever have been members of an Indiana Commandery covering the period from 1854 to December 31, 1938."

This required years of patient effort on the part of the Grand Recorder. We know whereof we speak for the same record has been established for New York.

The report of the Grand Treasurer is confined to four lines—Balance last year—Income—Warrants Paid—Balance this year. The detail is given by the Grand Recorder from which we note that the income was \$1,867.98 less than the cost of operating. The report on invested funds shows \$40,200.00.

The Educational Foundation presents a very complete and interesting report. The present policy is to loan only to Seniors, and the maximum amount is \$200.00 in two installments. This would seem to restrict the field for loans as the majority of jurisdictions loan to Juniors and Seniors, but the report shows twenty-nine loans amounting to \$4,060.00 and they collected on principal \$7,747.99. The interest item from students was \$1,394.42. All of the committees serve without remuneration and the total cost of operating was only \$369.66, and of this amount \$300.00 was paid to a collector.

The report of the Hospitaler's Committee is worthy of serious consideration by all jurisdictions. This was the work of three members appointed by the Grand Commander in accordance with a resolution adopted in 1938. The committee divided the State in ten groups, appointing a chairman for each group, he to appoint a committee of three in each Constituent Commandery, thus bringing the committee in touch with each Commandery. Questionnaires were sent to each group and all responded. Here are some of the results: Mailing of Christmas cards and cards of cheer to widows, aged and infirm members, consideration for delinquent members, remission of dues, frequent calls upon the sick, charity baskets, etc. The appropriation for the committee was \$200.00 and they accomplished all of the above with the expenditure of \$26.00.

REVIEW

The Grand Encampment Review of Sir Knight William H. Tester is incorporated with the Proceedings.

SIR KNIGHT RALPH P. CAIN,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM H. SWINTZ,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Richmond, May 8, 1940.

IOWA

As we open the Proceedings of this mid-Western State we are greeted by the smiling face of Sir Knight Emmett E. Cavanaugh, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform. From his biography we learn that he is a native son of Iowa and has rendered service both in civil and fraternal life.

The Grand Commandery convened for the Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave at their Templar home on Spirit Lake, Tuesday, June 27, 1939, with all Grand Officers except the Grand Prelate, fifteen of the seventeen living Past Grand Commanders, headed by Sir Knight J. H. Pettibone who served in 1899. By the process of elimination we infer that thirty-six Grand Representatives answered roll call, but they are not listed in the Proceedings. Fifty of the sixty-four Constituent Commanderies sent delegates.

Sir Knight Jewel P. Lightfoot, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Texas was introduced as the personal representative of the Grand Master by Sir Knight Charles C. Clarke, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

The report of the Committee on Visitors shows representatives from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota. Sir Knight William Koch represented the Scottish Rite.

The address of the Grand Commander is an extended document covering twenty-eight and a half pages of very interesting matter. He took the job seriously, and discharged it like a Crusader. He personally visited thirty-two of the sixty-four Constituent Commanderies, traveled 11,748 miles by auto and 820 by rail. In addition to this he visited the Annual Conclaves in the Jurisdictions of South Dakota, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota. He is evidently a great believer in the unity of purpose in the various branches of the Craft, as he attended the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Chapter. He also attended a meeting called by the Grand Master of Masons of the heads of all the Masonic Bodies of Iowa. The round table discussion was on "The Solidarity of Masonry." He says of that meeting:

"The outcome and the expressions made will in due time react to the strengthening of Masonry in Iowa."

We quote this from his opening paragraph:

"The great epoch which called our Order forth has long since ceased; the marching of the hosts whose resounding pacing was the music of the columns, is silent; the prayers of the devoted not so frequently heard, but the real purpose of our association together—that of elevation and fostering of Truth, Liberty and Justice, is more sacred and important than in any age since its formation. Strife in the high places, lack of respect for the sacred things in the daily routine, the suppression of our cherished liberties and the clamorings of those who are desirous for justice, should awaken in us the spirit of high regard and obedience to the laws and regulations of this organization which we adopted as embodying those requisites which define us as Knights of the Temple. My admonition to the Knight everywhere is to be vigilant in pursuit of the things which stand for Truth; to be strong in your advocacy of the means which hold sacred our Liberty; and always to bear every burden required to insure Justice."

He granted forty-one Dispensations, thirty-two of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions. One charter was surrendered.

Iowa has a system of York Rite Festivals. Four were held with good results. The Grand Commander says: "The idea is bearing fruit, not in the Jurisdiction alone, but in those which have adopted it."

The Educational Foundation reports 109 loans amounting to \$20,381.80, with collections of \$12,669.17, and interest amounting to \$3,044.14. Total cost of operating \$1,369.72. A good record.

The Committee on Christmas Observance says it received a report from every Commandery, but required considerable correspondence. Well, even at that it was an achievement worthy of note. The sad thing about it is that only thirty-one of the Constituent Commanderies observed this, the most important day in the Christian calendar. Thirty-three Commanderies reported no Christmas Observance "and some gave valid reasons." Easter service was better. Forty-two Commanderies attended, and Ascension Day was observed by nineteen of the sixty-four Commanderies. There is room for improvement.

Grand Recorder Kastner shows a net loss in membership of 258. This is thirty more than last year. He also shows that the minutes were read and approved before adjournment. We extend congratulations.

REVIEW

No review, and we miss the words of wisdom from the pen of Past Grand Commander Clark.

SIR KNIGHT AUGUST F. BECKER,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT CLINTON KASTNER,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Templar Park, July 13, 1940.

KANSAS

As we open the Proceedings of the Sunflower State, the smiling face of Grand Commander William F. Shea greets us, and we note he is in full Templar uniform. The Grand Commandery of Kansas was chartered December 21, 1868, and held their first conclave in 1869. The present meeting, May 9, 1939, in Newton, marks the Seventieth Annual Conclave.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials shows fourteen Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Commanders, twenty-eight Grand Representatives, and the representatives of forty-three of the fifty-nine Constituent Commanderies. The Grand Master was represented by Sir Knight Fred A. Aldrich, Past Grand Commander of Michigan. Visitors were present from Oklahoma, Nebraska and Michigan.

We clip this thought from the opening paragraph of the Grand Commander's address:

"In these times of wars and rumors of wars, it is a pity that the people affected, and more especially the heads of the various governments cannot appreciate and understand that the Christian religion, if practiced, would furnish a solution to all the misunderstandings. We, as Knights Templar, should ever bear in mind that we enlisted under the banner of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and should so live that the world at large will recognize us as Christian warriors by the examples we set and the lives we live."

The Grand Commander was a busy correspondent. He wrote personal letters to each Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, and there are fifty-nine Commanderies in the State. An effort was made to keep in touch with the forgotten Sir Knights who had been suspended or were carrying a demit, or making their home outside of the jurisdiction of their Commandery. This is constructive work and might well be adopted by all jurisdictions.

A history of Templary in Kansas was prepared under the direction of Sir Knight Albert K. Wilson, Grand Recorder Emeritus, but, unfortunately it was sealed and placed in a safe deposit box. Let us hope that in due time the financial situation will permit of its publication and distribution.

The passing of two Past Grand Commanders is noted. Sir Knight Thomas L. Bond who served in 1902, and Sir Knight Charles G. West in 1930.

Four dispensations were issued, three of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions.

The finances appear to be in satisfactory condition with a balance of \$8,200.59 in the General Fund, and \$20,000.00 (maturity value) in bonds.

Sir Knight Elmer F. Strain, Secretary of the Educational Foundation Committee (which he calls the "Loan Fund Committee") presents a "condensed report which is simplified and can be understood." From it we learn that loans amounted to \$5,092.50, collections \$12,585.95, at an operating cost of \$1,306.25, and their total assets are \$123,400.79, or approximately \$10,000.00 over the required capital.

A parade was held terminating at the First Methodist Church where religious services were conducted by the Grand Prelate. The representative of the Grand Master is reported to have delivered an interesting address followed by other speakers, none of which appear in the printed Proceedings.

The minutes were presented and approved—good.

REVIEW

The review is presented in thumb nail sketches by Sir Knight Strain who is the handy man for Kansas. He acts as Grand Recorder, Secretary of the *Educational Foundation Committee*, and Reviewer.

SIR KNIGHT CLARENCE G. NEVINS,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT ELMER F. STRAIN,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Emporia, May 14, 1940.

KENTUCKY

The Frates of the Blue Grass Country held their Ninety-second Annual Conclave in Lebanon, May 17-18, 1939. The book of Proceedings opens with a fine portrait of Sir Knight Algernon Sidney Yewell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform. From the bio-

graphical sketch we learn that he is a Native Son of Kentucky, and an active Mason since 1907.

Preliminary to the convening of the Grand Commandery, the Commanderies assembled at their respective headquarters and proceeded to the Baptist Church where divine services were conducted following an address of welcome from the Host Commandery, Marion, No. 24.

The religious services were conducted by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight William Lee Dawson. The sermon, by Sir Knight and Rev. Thomas J. Porter, is printed in full. Subject: "The Glory and Power of the Cross." A parade followed the church service, terminating at the Court House where the Grand Commandery convened. The roll call shows all of the Grand Officers, fifteen of the seventeen living Past Grand Commanders, thirty Grand Representatives, and delegates from thirty-three of the thirty-six Constituent Commanderies. A good record.

The Grand Commander of Indiana was present, and Sir Knight Charles Jacob Retterer, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Illinois was introduced as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

The Grand Commander entered upon his duties with a high purpose to devote his time, energy and influence to the advancement of Templary, but illness in his family developed, and, he says "blasted my fond hopes." The report, however, shows that the Grand Commandery made an advance and presents a high Templar spirit. Grand Commander Yewell divided the State into ten districts and assigned Inspectors for each district. The report of the "Committee on Work" shows the value of this new departure. It gives a comprehensive word picture of conditions in every quarter of the State, and proves conclusively that where a Commandery has a line of interested, devoted officers, it will show progress. We quote this from the report:

"We are of the opinion that while the movies, the radio, the automobile and other attractions have done much to reduce attendance, cause loss of members by being dropped or withdrawal, and only a few being initiated, still, we cannot but think that at last the greater part of the fault is entirely with the officers and members. We elect, and a Sir Knight accepts the office of Eminent Commander and other offices of importance, knowing full well that when installed they will not learn the work, and will not prepare themselves even to the extent of being able to open the Commandery in short form. Unless and until we have officers who can and will greet Zerubbabel, who can and will teach the great lesson and importance of Truth, who can present the sword and impress upon the candidate's mind the excellent qualities with which it is endowed when in the hands of a true and courteous companion of the Order, who can preside at the triangle, who at last can and will teach the great principles of the Order founded upon Truth, the Christian Religion, and the practice of the Christian Virtues, we have no right to expect a large attendance or to hope for a Chapter Mason to seek admission. We have seen during the year, officers measuring up to this standard, and seen Commanderies not so blessed. The "former thriving; the latter dead."

It is the same old story. When will our Constituent Commanderies wake up to the fact that the election of properly qualified officers is the most important conclave of the year.

The Grand Commander granted five Dispensations which were in accordance with Templar Law, and refused one, a request to receive and ballot upon a petition at a stated conclave. He cites as his authority a section of the Kentucky Statutes. Section 48 F 2 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment gives the Grand Commander power to grant such permission.

Less than one half of the Commanderies observed Easter, Ascension Day and Christmas. Commenting upon this situation, the Grand Commander says:

"It does seem, Sir Knights, that we, as representatives of this great Christian Order, could devote at least four hours of the 365 days in the observance of these General Orders commemorating the Birth, Resurrection and Ascension of Him under whose banner we as Knights Templar are enlisted."

The death of Past Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer John T. Graves, is reported. The Grand Recorder reports no outstanding dues or assessments, all having been paid. Perhaps his efficiency accounts for it. The net loss in membership is 183, twenty-four less than last year.

The second day of the Annual Conclave, Thursday, May 18, being Ascension Day, the Grand Commandery set a good example by observing it with appropriate ceremonies and an address by Sir Knight and Rev. Thomas J. Porter.

The personal representative of the Grand Master delivered his address and was elected an Honorary Member.

The Educational Foundation reports loans of \$3,617.50, with repayments of \$10,017.82 on principal and \$2,363.53 interest. Invested funds produced \$942.50 in interest. Cost of operating—\$2,736.85. Excess of income over expenses—\$569.18.

REVIEW

The title of the Committee was changed from "Correspondence" to "Review"—Congratulations.

The Committee presented a review covering the Proceedings of all Grand Jurisdictions except Idaho and Utah, which was adopted, but they say—"We have omitted any extensive review for the reason that this Grand Commandery has not thought it wise to incur the expense incident to publication of same," and then follows ninety-two pages of names, including all who have been unfortunately suspended. A lost opportunity!

SIR KNIGHT FREDERICK C. WEBER,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WALLACE H. WOODS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Glasgow, May 15-16, 1940.

LOUISIANA

The Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave of Louisiana was held in Bogalusa, Monday, April 17, 1939.

Preliminary to the convening of the Grand Commandery, religious services were held in the High School Auditorium, Sunday evening, April 16, in charge of the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and Rev. William F. O'Kelley.

Monday, April 17, the Grand Commandery assembled, and an address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor, after which they duly convened for business. The roll call shows all of the Grand Officers present with ten of the sixteen living Past Grand Commanders, including the Dean of the organization, Sir Knight Tiley H. Scovell who was Grand Commander in 1905, and twenty-eight Grand Representatives. Officers were present from ten of the fifteen Constituent Commanderies entitled to representation. Sir Knight William H. Tester, of Tennessee, was announced as the personal representative of the Grand Master and received under the arch of steel. Sir Knight John R. Tally, Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, was a visitor.

The address of the Grand Commander is confined to local matters, and with good reason. There is a serious problem confronting the Templar Order in Louisiana. In 1929 they had 2,943 members, and ten years later 1,182, a loss of 60%. Since the Grand Commandery of Louisiana was organized in 1864, charters have been granted to twenty-three Constituent Commanderies, making a total of twenty-six. The present report shows eight charters surrendered and three consolidations, leaving fifteen working Commanderies, ten of which were represented at the Annual Conclave. In the face of all this the Grand Commander is optimistic. He is meeting the situation with the courage of a Templar. He says:

"Surely, there is a greater need now than ever before for the steady influence of religion, fraternalism and brotherhood, and I am hopeful in believing that the spirit of kindred interest that has been implanted in the human heart by the All Wise Creator is again up to steer us back to our moorings."

Three Past Grand Commanders were summoned to answer the last call. Sir Knight Harry K. Ramsey, Grand Commander in 1922, Sir Knight Henry C. Pitcher, Grand Commander in 1931, and Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, and Sir Knight Joseph T. Young, Grand Commander in 1909.

Six Dispensations were granted, five to hold special elections, one to receive and ballot upon petitions.

Eight of the fifteen Commanderies report Christmas Observance.

The Grand Commander made seven personal visits, and adds—"All

of my visitations were made without expense to the Grand Commandery except one."

The General Orders and statistical tables are, very properly, placed in the Addenda.

Calling attention to the financial situation, the Grand Commander says: "For the past few years our income has not been equal to our expenditures, necessitating use of capital funds."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts \$2,792.29, and expenditures \$4,566.14, an excess of \$1,773.85. A special committee was appointed to review the budget suggested by the Finance Committee and some changes were adopted in an attempt to conserve the funds.

The International Traveling Beauseant, which has been in the custody of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, of New Orleans since 1925, has again started upon its journey of good will. On November 4, 1938, it was transferred, with appropriate ceremonies to Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, of Birmingham, Alabama.

The Educational Foundation reports seven loans amounting to \$1,045.00, with collections of \$1,575.12 on principal and \$1,363.72 interest on loans and investments. Some fifteen hundred personal letters were sent out by the committee resulting in an increase of twenty-two students making payments.

The Committee on Uniform submitted a report with a sample of the suggested uniform, which was adopted.

The address of Sir Knight William H. Tester, personal representative of the Grand Master, is presented in full and gives some valuable instructions for strengthening the ties of Knighthood.

REVIEW

Chairman Davis reported verbally that the Grand Commandery was now using the Grand Encampment Review, and that a sufficient number had been purchased and would be bound with the Proceedings of 1939. We fail to find it.

SIR KNIGHT C. MARION HUTTON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT A. B. DAVIS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, New Orleans, February 15, 1940.

MAINE

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Pine Tree State was organized May 5, 1852, and the Eighty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in the City of Portland, May 4, 1939.

As we open the Proceedings we find a portrait of Grand Commander, Frank Elwyn Southard, in full Templar uniform. From the short biographical sketch we learn that he is only forty-eight years old, but he has packed a vast amount of service into the active years of his life. He practiced law in Augusta; served in the World War, County Attorney, State Senator, Judge of Municipal Court, and now Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Maine. With all of these civic activities he found time for service in the Masonic Order.

The report of the Credentials Committee, and the list of visitors presents a pleasing picture of Templary in this Northeastern State. Each of the twenty-four Commanderies was represented. Sixteen of the twenty living Past Grand Commanders and thirty-three Grand Representatives, together with all Grand Officers, answered roll call. Visitors were present from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey and West Virginia. Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, represented the Grand Master.

The report of the Grand Commander is very optimistic. He made seven Inspections and says:

"A new spirit of hopefulness and ambition seems to prevade the Order, and a willingness "to draw our swords" for the furtherance of Templarism beckons us to increasing strength and power. It is impossible for one to visit our Maine Commanderies without feeling a happy enthusiasm that betokens the good of the Order, and it forcibly teaches us that numbers are not everything, but that sincerity, kindliness and Templar virtues are rare jewels of great worth."

We are in accord with this sentiment except the word "Templarism." There are many "isms" abroad in our land today which are not in accord with our American ideals. The word "Templary" has been suggested to replace the old form of expression.

Every Commandery, except one, observed Christmas. A splendid record, and explains in a measure the high standard of the Order in Maine. In our work for several years as Reviewer, we have noted that the jurisdictions which give attention to, and support the important religious dates in the Christian calendar, rank high in Templar spirit.

The Grand Commander believes in taking time by the forelock. He calls attention to the fact that on May 5, 1952, the Grand Commandery will celebrate its Centennial, and recommends that the sum of two hundred dollars per year be set aside for the celebration. The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers approved, but the Finance Committee made no

appropriation. In fact, the report of the Finance Committee leaves much to the imagination. No mention is made of salary for the Grand Recorder, Grand Reviewer, or dues to Grand Encampment. Perhaps they are covered by the Regulations.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn that the income was \$5,811.30. Disbursements \$7,254.39, and the balance on hand reduced \$1,443.09.

The Grand Recorder reports a net loss of 361, but the detailed figures submitted by the Committee on Returns shows 360.

The Committee on Necrology pays a tribute to the memory of Sir Knight George Winfield Gower, Grand Commander in 1906, who died August 12, 1938.

Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, representative of the Grand Master, delivered an inspiring address.

Referring to the dialogue between Richard and Saladin in "The Crusaders" he quotes Saladin's reply to the boast of Richard "that he was wearing the Cross upon his tunic" "Sire, you wear the Cross, but you are not fighting for it." This condition is reflected in many of our Commanderies and individually by the membership Sir Knight Lear says:

"Are not too many of us proudly wearing the Cross of Christ and yet contributing all too little to the Church which it represents—We have for generations proudly pointed to the Cross of Christ, and we have proudly proclaimed that we are Defenders of the Faith, and yet I am sometimes inclined to the thought that in all too many cases we have been lax—Ours is a serious problem as the years ahead unfold, but it is going to be your duty and mine to so conduct ourselves, both as citizens and as Templars, that the Standards of our Grand Commanderies throughout the United States may be maintained gloriously and well."

The report of the Educational Foundation is very brief, and states that all records are on file in the office of the Grand Recorder where they are available for reference.

REVIEW

For a number of years the review was written by Sir and Rev. David L. Wilson, Grand Commander in 1931. This year Grand Commander Southard tried a new experiment to promote what he calls a "diversified interest." The Proceedings from the several jurisdictions, were divided between the first five officers of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander assumed the major portion of the work and wrote the review for nineteen jurisdictions. There is no review for Idaho, Indiana, and, of course, Utah. The work of the individual officers is of a high character, and each would make an excellent reviewer.

SIR KNIGHT BENJAMIN C. KENT,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT CONVERS E. LEACH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Portland, May 9, 1940.

MARYLAND

The Sixty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland convened in the Masonic Temple at Baltimore, May 17, 1939. Sir Knight Grant A. Wiebel, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Religious services were conducted prior to the business session. The sermon by Rev. Don Frank Fenn, D. D., is published in full, followed by a memorial service for Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Recorder Emeritus, William Booth Price, Past Grand Commander, and Edwin S. White, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

The Credentials Committee report all Grand Officers present except the Grand Prelate who was ill, Sir Knight Charles H. Welden, Acting Grand Recorder, ten Past Grand Commanders, thirty Grand Representatives, and delegates from each of the fifteen Constituent Commanderies.

The long list of visitors gives evidence of the hospitality of the Frates in Maryland, and the sincere regard of sister jurisdictions. The District of Columbia was represented by ten Sir Knights who were officers or Past Grand Commanders, including the Grand Master of Masons. We note visitors from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia. The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were represented.

The Proceedings state that the personal representative of the Grand Master was Sir Knight Caleb B. Lears. We had difficulty in placing this Sir Knight until we noted that he was the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, and then we recognized our old friend, Sir Knight C. Byron Lear from New Jersey.

The Grand Commander regrets the small percentage of membership who attend the regular and special conclaves. Referring to the religious days in our Templar calendar he says:

"There have been notices regarding the observance of Christmas and Ascension Day, sent in advance to each Frater, urging him to attend. Yet the attendance on these occasions has not been what one would expect. What is the trouble? Have the absent Frates fallen by the wayside? Have they only been knighted in order that they may be advanced to another body? Many times these and numerous questions have been asked. What are the answers? It is suggested that the Commanders appoint committees in their respective Commanderies to investigate these matters and endeavor to re-kindle the spark of Templary in the hearts of all Sir Knights. Then once again we shall march triumphantly forward with the missing Frates by our side. Let us not forget that the founders of our Order were Divinely inspired. They had lofty ideals and tried to emulate the example of the Prince of Peace in promoting peace among men, trying always to bring man safely to his heavenly home.

"As Knights Templar let us keep our armour bright and spotless, our hearts and consciences clean, relentlessly waging warfare against corruption, lying and deceit. Let us be good citizens of our respective communities, realizing our duties and responsibilities to God, our Country, our Neighbor, and Ourselves."

Eighteen Dispensations were granted, one refused. The Grand Commander personally visited each of the fifteen Commanderies, in many instances accompanied by the entire line of Staff Officers. In addition to this he made fifteen other visits which he terms "unofficial."

The Grand Commander made five recommendations. These were referred to the proper committees and after due consideration were not approved.

The Inspector-General presents an interesting report, covering in detail the conditions in each Commandery. All good except one. An "excellent dinner" was served upon each visit. We approve of this. Men seem to fraternize better when they "break bread" together.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$5,692.16, which is \$2,396.17 less than last year. Income—\$5,172.87. Expenses—\$7,569.04. This condition did not seem to disturb the Finance Committee, as no action was taken.

The report of the Acting Grand Recorder shows a net loss of 106. Ten of the fifteen Commanderies had work, but only one shows an increase in membership.

The Educational Foundation Committee (they still use the word "Fund") reports nineteen loans amounting to \$3,702.25, an increase of \$500.00 over last year. Repayments by students were \$5,671.27, interest \$1,581.44, expense \$551.53. A good record.

REVIEW

Sir Knight Howard M. Emmons presents an interesting review of sixty-eight pages. In his foreword he says the Masonic Bodies are fighting for existence, and from his review they are making some progress. He hits the nail on the head when he says we failed in the past to impress upon our candidates the responsibilities they assumed when they took the various obligations.

We are pleased that Maryland continues the individual review and congratulate Sir Knight Emmons.

SIR KNIGHT EARLE C. RICHARDSON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES H. WELDEN,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Baltimore, May 15, 1940.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Semi-Annual Conclave of the oldest member of the Grand Encampment was held in Providence, Rhode Island, May 18, 1939. This Conclave is preliminary to the Annual Conclave held in Boston in October of each year.

All of the Grand Officers were present. Eleven Past Grand Commanders and seventeen Grand Representatives. The total registration eighty-two, representing thirty-five Commanderies.

The Conclave was under the direction of Sir Knight Harrison Hyslop, Right Eminent Grand Commander, who did not deliver an address, as he explained that it would be given at the Annual Conclave in October.

The Committee on Christmas Offering and Good Cheer made a partial report without detail, showing that \$4,608.07 had been contributed.

The Executive Secretary of the Educational Foundation reported that a printed report had been mailed with the call for this meeting. The report shows 136 loans granted amounting to \$29,335.00, and ten applications under investigation. Repayments on loans—\$25,881.83. Interest on loans—\$3,992.79. Interest from investments—\$1,550.06. Operating cost—\$5,542.85.

Following the adjournment of the Semi-Annual Conclave an address was delivered by Rev. Bro. Arthur F. Jennings. Subject: "Making the Inheritance of the Fathers, Our Own."

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave convened in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts, Tuesday, October 31, 1939. Sir Knight Harrison Hyslop, Right Eminent Grand Commander. All Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Commanders, including Sir Knight Harry G. Pollard, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and twenty-two Grand Representatives answered Roll Call. Forty-nine of the fifty-three Constituent Commanderies were represented.

Visitors were present from New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Connecticut. The Grand Councils of Rhode Island and Massachusetts were represented by their respective presiding officers. Most Worshipful Joseph Earl Perry, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts was escorted to a seat in the East. Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Commander includes the Report of the Committee on Necrology, and reports the death of Sir Knight Charles R. Hunt, Past Grand Commander. The record would indicate that the Grand Commander gave the major portion of his time to the duties of his office. The list of his activities reads like an old fashioned almanac. The dates follow each other in rapid succession. He made at least one

visit to each Commandery and visited some of them several times. He was present at forty-nine of the fifty-three Inspections and made a total of one hundred and forty-one visits of a Masonic character, both in his own State and other Jurisdictions.

Commenting on Inspections, he is strongly of the opinion that they should be continued in order that the ritualistic work may be kept up to standard. He says:

"I do not believe that any Commandery has the right to take a candidate's money and then not have its Officers give to that candidate the very best that they have in them."

Here is the answer to the oft repeated question—Why do candidates pay their initiation fee, have the Orders conferred, and take no further interest in Templary?

If the Officers of a Commandery fail to inspire the candidate with their ritualistic work, they have lost a golden opportunity, and are individually responsible for his attitude toward the Order, which eventually results in demit or suspension.

Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph Earl Perry was introduced and delivered a message of inspiration applicable to all Masonic Bodies. The Craft in its entirety is likened to a great reservoir which receives its supply from varied sources, but each individual drop is necessary, and no single drop could be spared any better than any other single drop. All must work together to give power and efficiency to the reservoir.

The report of the Committee on Christmas and Good Cheer deserves a place in the Sun. Every one of the fifty-three Constituent Commanderies not only participated, but each Commander made a report to the Committee, and the reports are published. The total amount contributed was \$4,608.07. All honor to a committee that can secure such results.

REVIEW

The review is written by Sir Knight James A. Gunn, Past Grand Commander. His space is limited, but his ability is not. He covers all the essential facts in his usual attractive form. We are grateful for his personal reference.

SIR KNIGHT ARTHUR A. A. STEWART,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Boston, October, 1940.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan convened at Jackson, Tuesday morning, June 6, 1939.

The official program opened the preceding evening with a banquet of the Past Grand Commanders' Association with distinguished visitors as guests. At the same time the Officers of the Grand Commandery gathered as Knights of the Round Table to break bread and sup pure water while they discussed their various problems.

The roll call shows all Grand Officers, eighteen of the twenty living Past Grand Commanders, including Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, who served as Grand Commander in 1917, thirty-seven Grand Representatives, and delegates from fifty-two of the fifty-three Constituent Commanderies. A splendid record, reflecting the Templar spirit within the jurisdiction.

The program of the first day included informal discussion upon general Templar subjects and problems which had developed during the year. Two interesting and instructive addresses were delivered, one by Sir Knight Albert B. Lowrie on the Status of Templar Membership, and one by Sir Knight Alvin F. Knobloch on the Objective of Templar Masonry.

The Parade took place in the afternoon under "ideal weather conditions" followed by Exhibition Drills in the evening.

On the second day—June 7, the visitors were duly presented. First, we note Sir Knight William C. Gordon, Right Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment, as the personal representative of the Grand Master, followed by Sir Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and distinguished guests from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and New York. The Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Scottish Rite were represented.

The address of the Grand Commander includes the report on Necrology and the Memorials for Sir Knight Joseph Kyle Orr, Past Most Eminent Grand Master, and Sir Knight Thane Benedict, Past Grand Commander. In his opening paragraph he pays a well earned tribute to Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, for his unselfish service and inspiring example. Twenty Dispensations were granted, one refused. Four Decisions were rendered and approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, but the detail is not given in the printed Proceedings. At the suggestion of Illustrious Brother George F. Bushnell, 33° Deputy for the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., for the State of Michigan, a committee was appointed to work out a joint plan, including all of the Grand Bodies of Michigan, for the handling of charity and relief.

There is a short paragraph in the Grand Commanders' report which may be overlooked by the casual reader, but it is mighty important. He says:

"The budget adopted covered the total disbursements of the year—Income met expenses."

This did not just happen. It was due to the united action of "every bloomin' soul" lead by Sir Knight Fred A. Aldrich, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

A tribute is paid to Sir Knight and Rev. Emil Montanus who had served as Grand Prelate since 1913. For a number of years Sir Knight Montanus wrote the review for Michigan, and it was a matter of keen regret when his services were discontinued.

The Grand Commander made twenty-eight visits and nine inspections. Commenting upon the Condition of the Order, he says:

"Measured in the morale of its units, I believe the condition of the Order is healthy and wholesome. Interchange of visits, public installations, group meetings, inspection attendance, and visitors are increasing and evidence of an upward trend in general activities."

The Grand Recorder shows a net loss of 619, an increase of 142 over last year.

Sir Knight Fenner Ball, Instructor General, presents the twenty-first annual report of the Instruction Board. Accompanying the report is the Inspector's Score Sheet, which gives in detail the standing of each Constituent Commandery. This affords each Commandery an opportunity to make comparisons, correct errors, omissions, or neglect, and should be an inspiration for improvement.

The personal representative of the Grand Master, Sir Knight Wm. C. Gordon, delivered an address which is not reported in the Proceedings, but the Grand Recorder says it was "highly entertaining and instructive and was the cause for much encouragement on the part of officers of Commanderies." That is the real purpose of an official visit, and the Officer who can, and does inspire and enthuse his audience is performing a real service to Templary.

They have a Hospitaller's Committee in Michigan and the report shows that they are arousing Templar interest, as they put into actual practice the ideals of the Order. "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted." In these days, man's inhumanity to man leaves many wounds to be healed.

The Educational Foundation reports increased activity, 174 loans totaling \$33,352.00 have been approved. Repayments amounted to \$17,186.63. Interest from all sources \$3,164.27. Expenses—\$2,218.11.

The Grand Commandery adopted a report from the Uniform Committee providing for a "Lapel-type" fatigue coat for all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. The specifications show a fatigue coat similar to that now worn by members of the Grand Commandery.

REVIEW

There is no review, but Sir and Rev. Emil Montanus calls attention to the review by Sir Knight William H. Tester, with quotations and comments.

SIR KNIGHT ROBERT L. ROBINSON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Battle Creek, June 4, 1940.

MINNESOTA

The Grand Commandery convened at Winona, June 21st, for the Seventy-fourth Annual Conclave with Sir Knight William E. Pool as Grand Commander.

The Proceedings record a Funeral Conclave held in Minneapolis, Saturday, May 27, 1939, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of Sir Knight James Rice DeGarmo, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

The roll call for the Annual Conclave shows all Grand Officers, twelve of the eighteen living Past Grand Commanders, and thirty-two Grand Representatives present, including one for Canada. We fail to find any authority in the Statutes of the Grand Encampment for the appointment of Grand Representatives outside the jurisdiction of the United States. Ten of the thirty-seven Constituent Commanderies were not represented.

Sir Knight Thomas H. Reynolds, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Missouri was introduced as the personal representative of the Grand Master, followed by guests from Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Canada. The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were represented. There is a long list of regrets running all the way from the Canadian border to Texas.

This is the Templar home of Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, and, of course, "Charlie" was duly received and then gave his attention to the entertainment of the guests.

Grand Commander Pool calls attention to the fact that fifty-four years ago the Annual Conclave was held in Winona with seventeen Commanderies and a membership of 1,050. He says:

"Very few of our membership who were present that day are now on our rolls. They build well the foundations on which you and I continue to build. They were also building a new State in this great

Northwest and they were willing to fight for their faith. Are you and I who occupy it today, ready and willing to fight to maintain the liberty, freedom and right to worship God which our Fathers in their passing, placed in our keeping?"

The Grand Commander made a total of fifty-three visits to Constituent Commanderies and to some Royal Arch Chapters and Grand Chapters. He believed in cultivating the field in which the Templar crop is planted and brought to maturity.

Twenty-two Dispensations were granted. Nine of these permitted ballot on petitions in preparation for the State-wide Order of the Red Cross, to be held in St. Paul under the direction of Paladin Commandery No. 21. The records show seventy-six candidates elected, but the weather was stormy. Winter selected that particular evening to put on its annual show and only thirty-seven candidates reported. We presume the other thirty-nine received the Orders in their own Commanderies.

Next year this Grand Commandery will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee Conclave, and the Grand Commander recommended that a committee be appointed to arrange a program, and that an appropriation be made for this purpose. The Finance Committee included an item of \$500.00 Advance Conclave Expense for 1940.

Christmas was observed by twenty-four of the thirty-seven Commanderies with an attendance of 735. Easter by twenty-six Commanderies with a total representation of 1,296.

The State was divided into Inspection Districts and assigned to the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Commander, who was left free to assist the Grand Commander. The result was not satisfactory, as in several instances they were merely social occasions. The Grand Commander recommended that Inspecting Officers should be prepared to hold Schools of Instruction, both in Rituals and Tactics. He says:

"The fault is not with the Officers but with the system."

We think he is right, and it should not be difficult to change the system.

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates that they lived within their income, a very commendable showing in these days of loss of membership and consequent decrease in revenue.

The Educational Foundation reports fifty-two loans amounting to \$8,470.00. Collections on loans amounted to \$7,747.91. Interest from students \$1,683.96. Cost of operating \$1,050.86, leaving a credit for the contingent fund of \$487.99.

The Parade, in six divisions, was scheduled for 7:30 P. M. Wednesday, June 21, but the weather man had not been consulted and the rain greatly reduced the number in line. The records show a registration of 1,100 Sir Knights.

The representative of the Grand Master, Sir Knight Thomas H. Reynolds, who is listed as an Honorary Member, called attention to the desire of the Grand Master relative to the time of meetings of the Grand Commanderies, and a resolution was adopted instructing the incoming Grand Commander to appoint a committee to confer with other neighboring Grand Commanders and discuss plans for arranging Annual Conclaves according to the group plan suggested by the Grand Master.

REVIEW

No review.

SIR KNIGHT OSCAR A. GRAVROCK,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN H. ANDERSON,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Minneapolis, June 19, 1940.

MISSISSIPPI

The Frateres of the Bayou State held their Seventy-ninth Annual Conclave in the City of Jackson, March 26, 1939. According to the "Program of Entertainment" the Grand Prelate delivered a sermon prior to the convening of the Grand Conclave.

From the report of the Credentials Committee we find ten Past Grand Commanders, nine Grand Commandery Officers, and the representatives of nineteen of the twenty-five Constituent Commanderies.

Sir Knight John Foggo Dixon, Grand Commander in 1905, was at his post as Grand Treasurer. The Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Sword Bearer were absent, the former sick, the latter busy, and both were excused.

Sir Knight W. Claude Williams, Right Eminent Grand Commander, reports the death of Sir Knight Marcus M. Elledge, Grand Commander in 1937-1938, also the passing of the veteran Grand Recorder Edward L. Faucette, on August 10, 1938, after a service of sixteen years.

The address of the Grand Commander is short, but he makes some very pertinent suggestions which are applicable to all jurisdictions under present conditions:

"I do not pretend to have a certain solution or panacea for the problems confronting us in Mississippi and throughout the Grand Encampment, but simply counsel that we continue to work diligently to live up to the high principles set forth in Templarism, and that we strive to be worthy of increased interest on the part of those eligible to enter our Order."

He made an earnest and constructive effort to win back some of the suspended members, but did not receive the support which he deserved. He says in reporting on the State of the Order:

"At the beginning of my term of office I had a circular letter mailed to each Commander and Recorder, suggesting a plan for a concerted drive to obtain as many reinstatements as possible during the year. I also wrote a personal letter to each Commander requesting their co-operation, and that a report be made each month of their accomplishments. I only had the courtesy of two or three replies to my letter, and I did not receive a single report as to whether the plan was tried out or if they had any results from their effort."

In commenting upon the responsibility of those who assume office in the Constituent Commanderies, he says:

"Being elected to office in your Commandery is not only an honor, but it carries with it a corresponding duty—I believe that our inactivity; our lack of interest and the continual falling off of membership is due largely to the lack of zeal, interest and effort on the part of those selected for leadership in the Constituent Commanderies."

The question of leadership is an old story. It is like Mark Twain's remark on the weather—"Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it."

We like this in the conclusion of the address:

"During these times of civil strife, of oppression, of wars and rumors of wars in foreign countries, of social and financial unrest in our country, let us resolve to reconsecrate and rededicate ourselves to the sublime principles of this Magnanimous Order."

Therein lies the solution of the whole difficult problem. It is a question of individual responsibility. If every Templar will endeavor to live every day in keeping with the vows he has assumed, we need have no fear for the future.

The returns from Constituent Commanderies would indicate that the efforts of the Grand Commander did produce results. The restorations were seventy-three, and eight Commanderies show a gain in membership. The net loss twenty-three as compared with fifty last year.

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that a Commander of a Commandery, U. D., is not eligible for office in the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Karl Brittain, Past Grand Commander, and Secretary of the Educational Foundation presents a report showing the Fund in good condition. Reading between the lines of the report we are confident that much of the credit is due to the personal work of the Secretary. He says: "I have personally contacted practically all of our borrowers."

Sir Knight Thomas C. Law, Past Grand Commander of Georgia, was the personal representative of the Grand Master, and his splendid message is printed in full. Later he was called upon to extend a welcome

to the Grand Representatives who answered roll call, and suggested that they send a message of greeting to the Jurisdiction which they had the honor to represent. We hope they complied, for the duty of a Grand Representative is to strengthen the fraternal ties between Jurisdictions.

Sir Knight James H. Johnson was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, and a picture in full Templar uniform, with a biographical sketch, serves to open the printed Proceedings.

REVIEW

Sir Knight Horace L. Villee presents his eighth review, and we congratulate him upon dropping the word "Foreign" from the title.

We are all members of one family.

In his "Foreword" which is printed in the body of the Proceedings, he says:

"With many deploring the lack of something to do to interest Sir Knights, we submit that there is *Plenty of Work* to do where one has the will to work, and, besides, there is the never-completed task of *Living* what we profess to be."

His space is limited to short sketches, but the last thirty-one pages is given up to a list of names. What a splendid use the Reviewer could have made of this wasted space.

SIR KNIGHT JAMES H. JOHNSON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT SID F. CURTIS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Meridian, Date to be fixed by Grand Officers.

MISSOURI

As we open the volume of Proceedings we are greeted by a portrait of Sir Knight Leo H. Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform. We learn from the historian that he was born in Illinois, educated in Michigan, studied law in Indiana and settled in Missouri. With all of his civic and Masonic duties he finds time to serve the First Presbyterian Church, and teaches a young men's Bible class. A background of this character naturally produces a good Mason and a loyal Templar.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Conclave was convened in Springfield, May 16, 1939. All Grand Officers were present except the Grand Generalissimo who had removed to Texas, thirteen of the seventeen living Past Grand Commanders, twenty-six Grand Representatives and delegates from fifty-three of the sixty-three Constituent Commanderies are shown by the report of the Credentials Committee.

Grand Recorder Denslow is of the opinion, that as our Proceedings are semi-public, we will be giving away some of our Masonic secrets if we print the full titles as required by the Grand Encampment, so they are eliminated. Well, it saves a good bit of printer's ink but it leaves us guessing at times. Guests were present from Iowa, Oklahoma and Kansas. The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were represented. Then came the climax of the introductions—Sir Knight William C. Gordon, who was Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1932, and now the Right Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment, presented Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

A change was made in the religious program. Instead of preceding the convening of the Grand Conclave, a vesper service was held at five P. M.

The Grand Commander presents an address of thirty-five pages, covering his service for the year, and the tone is optimistic, notwithstanding the fact that the report shows further losses. He says:

"I am happy to say that the rhythm of retreat has perceptibly lessened, the urge to move forward has become dominant, and the army of Missouri Templars is on the march. The order is —'Forward.'"

That is the spirit which conquers all difficulties; overcomes all obstacles, and results in victory.

Two conferences of Line Officers were held and a plan for district Conclaves was adopted, which resulted in eight such Conclaves covering the entire State with an average attendance of one hundred Sir Knights in uniform, and a total of twenty-eight candidates were knighted. The Grand Commander was present at each of these conclaves and we note that district inspectors have been appointed by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander carried on an extended correspondence with the Constituent Commanderies, and pays a tribute to faithful recorders:

"The local influence of a Commandery depends greatly upon the Templar occupying this office. A Recorder tried and found faithful, and willing to sacrifice for Templary, should be continued in office, so that the Commandery may profit by his experience, acquaintance and efficiency. Annual replacement of your Commanders is essential to orderly growth and administration of Templary, but your Recorder is a resource of the Commandery which grows in value with the years."

And by that same process of reasoning, a Recorder who is dilatory; fails to answer correspondence or collect the dues, is a liability and should be removed, even if it requires an order from the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander visited Iowa and Illinois and his report reads like a review of their Proceedings.

Twenty-three Dispensations were granted, ten of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions. None refused, and no Decisions. Ten recommendations are made by the Grand Commander, and they are so intimately connected with the healthy growth of Templary that we quote them in full:

1. Direct communication between the Grand Recorder and the individual Knights, enclosing programs of the Annual Conclave, copies of the Grand Commander's Address, and such timely reports and suggestions therewith as deemed proper by the Grand Recorder.

2. A chief of staff employed for at least a substantial portion of each year.

3. Efficient and constant co-operation between all York Rite bodies working toward an eventually happy amalgamation.

4. Faithful public Observance of the Christmas and Easter seasons by each Commandery.

5. Worthy Recorders retained, and when conditions permit, a consolidation of that office among the York Rite bodies in one person.

6. An efficient drill team in each Commandery.

7. All officers ascending the line fully qualified before they advance.

8. Continuance of the plan for district conclaves with variations in Host Commanderies and those conferring the Orders.

9. A wider spread of Masonic honors in recognition of consecrated service for Templary and Freemasonry in general.

10. Constant warfare in behalf of the principles of the Christian religion and loyalty to the country and the Supreme Commander, as our chief desires.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$7,830.99 and investments in U. S. Securities amounting to \$55,000.00. We note from the report of the Grand Recorder that the net loss in membership is 381, a marked improvement over last year when the net loss was 652.

Sir Knight William C. Gordon, Right Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, was unanimously endorsed for advancement in the elective line of officers of the Grand Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1940.

The report of the Committee on Christmas and Easter Observance shows that less than fifty per cent of the Constituent Commanderies observed either one of these important dates. Thirty-three Commanderies made no report. We would suggest that the officers of these Commanderies read No. 4 and No. 10 of the Grand Commander's recommendations.

The report of the Educational Foundation indicates increased activity. A total of 169 loans were made amounting to \$18,244.50. Loans are made to juniors and seniors. The interest rate is six per cent to begin when the money is advanced. Collections on loans amounted to \$13,793.01.

Interest on loans—\$4,077.02. Interest from other sources—\$3,236.33.
Operating expenses—\$2,959.04.

The Committee on Returns of Commanderies took their job seriously, and presented a report covering six pages, giving a bird's eye view of conditions in every quarter of the jurisdiction. A careful study of this report by the incoming Grand Officers should be beneficial.

Under "Charity and Relief" the committee reports:

"Thirty-seven Commanderies did not contribute to this worthy cause, yet we try to impress upon our candidates that they are being admitted among those valiant knights whose deeds of charity and pure beneficence have spread their fame both far and wide."

The Proceedings carry excerpts from the address of the Grand Master, and, as usual, he gave them some timely advice and useful suggestions.

REVIEW

Missouri is one of the few Jurisdictions presenting a review, and we extend congratulations. As usual it is from the facile pen of Grand Recorder Denslow. It is in topical form with five pages of introduction touching upon some subjects of interest to all Templars. He pays tribute to the Recorders, and we say "Amen."

SIR KNIGHT JOHN W. CALHOUN,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT RAY V. DENSLOW,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, St. Louis, May 9, 1940.

MONTANA

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Channell A. MacKenzie, is a Scotchman, and a native son of Montana. He is also a member of the Presbyterian Church and Deputy County Treasurer, a good job for a Scotchman. We are confident the funds of that county are amply protected. His portrait appears in full Templar uniform.

Two special conclaves were held during the year. One at Billings, November 12, 1938, for the purpose of installing officers, and one at Helena on May 3, 1939, to receive Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, upon an Official Visit. Seven of the Grand Officers were present and the lines for the reception of the Grand Master were formed by ten Past Grand Commanders.

The Fifty-second Annual Conclave convened in the Asylum of St. John's Commandery No. 12, at Bozeman on June 21, 1939, immediately following a service of worship at St. James Episcopal Church. All

Grand Officers, thirteen of the eighteen living Past Grand Commanders, headed by Sir Knight Francis D. Jones, who served in 1904, twenty-four Grand Representatives and delegates from twenty of the twenty-three Constituent Commanderies were present.

The Grand Commander presided in the city of his birth, and in the room where he received many of his Masonic degrees. We like this statement in the opening of his address:

"Never since Masonry rocked the cradle of this Republic has there been a greater demand for her influence in all her branches than there is today. Therefore, it is our duty to keep the influence of the Christian religion closely interwoven with the activities of our communities and our country."

The Grand Commander reports the death of Past Grand Commander George M. Hays who served in 1899, and James M. Burlingame who was Grand Commander in 1922. Two Dispensations were granted. Christmas was observed by twenty of the twenty-three Commanderies. The attendance was 370, or 23% of the total membership—a splendid record.

The Grand Commander made seven visits, one a joint meeting of five Commanderies. We quote his concluding paragraph:

"America calls for an awakening to the principles of this Order of Christian Knighthood. Not merely a lip service or the wearing of a uniform, but by precept and example to the Sir Knights of our Order and to the world at large because:

*"I can soon learn how to do it
If you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.*

*"And the lectures you deliver
May be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do.*

*"For I may misunderstand you,
And the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding
How you act and how you live."*

The Grand Treasurer shows that the revenue did not equal the disbursements, and that there would be a deficit in the General Fund. He recommended bi-annual sessions, and that the payment of mileage and per diem be discontinued. The Finance Committee said "No" and prepared a budget which would be within the estimated income.

The Grand Recorder reports three Constituent Commanderies delinquent in the payment of dues, one dating back to 1936. The Committee on Chartered Commanderies recommended that the Grand Recorder and Grand Commander take the necessary steps to accomplish the surrender of the Charter of this Commandery.

The Educational Foundation Committee presents a very complete and comprehensive report indicating that the Fund is serving its purpose in Montana. They have no invested funds except in students. Thirty-eight loans were made amounting to \$5,625.00. Repayment on loans amounted to \$4,115.23. Interest collected \$948.00. Total expenses \$405.20, leaving a net operating profit of \$542.84.

An unusual item in the report of the Grand Representatives of Montana in sister Jurisdictions. We are pleased to note that Florida, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New York and Wisconsin reported, and commend this to all Grand Representatives.

REVIEW

No Review.

SIR KNIGHT DEWITT C. WARREN,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT FRANCIS D. JONES,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Billings, June 19, 1940.

NEBRASKA

The Grand Commandery of Nebraska conducted their Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave at Grand Island, Thursday, April 20, 1939.

The Proceedings open with a biographical sketch of Right Eminent Grand Commander Andrew Cosh and his picture in full Templar uniform. From this we learn that he was presiding as Grand Commander in the city of his birth. His biographer says: "Being Scotch, he never wastes anything, not even words," but we find fourteen pages of a very interesting address. In the "Praeludium" (whatever that means in the dead language of the ancients) we have a bird's eye view of the entire Conclave, including the sermon by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Lee W. Heaton. The writer states that this was the most enthusiastic Conclave held in many years, and a survey of the Proceedings seems to justify his optimism.

There is a long list of distinguished guests including Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, Right Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment, as the representative of the Grand Master. Ten of the seventeen living Past Grand Commanders answered roll call.

Nebraska has the proud distinction of having the Dean of the Past Grand Commanders in the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Francis E. White, who served as Grand Commander in 1882. Thirty-three Grand Representatives were present. A good record. They were instructed by

the Grand Commander to extend fraternal greetings to the Grand Jurisdiction which they have the honor to represent. We wonder how many complied.

There are twenty-nine Commanderies in Nebraska, and fourteen bear the names of mountains in the Holy Land, from Mt. Calvary to Mt. Zion.

The climate of Nebraska is conducive to longevity. The Committee on Fifty Year Membership reports twenty-seven Sir Knights including Sir Knight Francis E. White, Past Grand Commander, and Alonzo Cunningham, knighted November 7, 1873 in Mt. Zion, No. 3, who have been members continuously for over sixty-five years. The Committee recommends a bar pin to fasten the Malta jewel to the uniform of all Knights Templar who have been members of a Commandery for fifty or more years. The Finance Committee approved and made provision for the purchase.

As evidence of Templar activity, a request for a Dispensation to form a new Commandery was presented and granted, but before a charter was issued, arrangements were completed to consolidate with Bethlehem No. 18, thus bringing new life into a dormant Commandery.

The Grand Commander issued six Dispensations, all in accordance with Templar law. He reports the death of two Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Carroll D. Evans and Sir Knight Salmon H. Burrows. Sir Knight Evans served as Grand Commander in 1905 and lived to see his son Sir Knight Carroll D. Evans, Jr., elected and installed Grand Commander in 1933.

Grand Commander Cosh visited nine of the Constituent Commanderies, made thirteen inter-fraternal visits, and attended the Annual Conclaves of Iowa and Colorado. He has this to say under "Condition of the Order."

"It is to be regretted that this year's report on membership again shows a decrease. However, the increased interest manifested in other Masonic bodies should be felt in the several Commanderies in the coming year. Some of the Commanderies that have had no work for several years have had candidates this year, with good prospects for the future. I feel that all Commanderies have lost members who were true Templars at heart, but felt they were unable to meet their obligations. Therefore, dropped out. I am sure some of these can be brought back into the Order if we will make a few personal calls and show a little interest, thus proving to them that the Order is founded upon the teachings of our Saviour, and not just mere words."

This is constructive advice, and if carried out should produce results.

The York Rite Festivals were continued, and the Grand Commander recommended an appropriation of \$50.00 toward the expense. The Finance Committee said it should come out of the expense account of assisting Grand Officers.

The report of the Instructor-Inspector General is a very interesting document. Twenty-four of the twenty-nine Commanderies were inspected. Sir Knight Brooks, the Inspector, makes this significant statement in his report, and in a letter to the Constituent Commanderies he assured them that the Inspector hoped to come more as an instructor than as a critic and to be as helpful as possible. This should be the aim and purpose of all inspecting officers.

The Educational Foundation Committee presents a detailed report showing the Fund in good condition. Eleven loans were made during 1938 amounting to \$1,725.00, and repayments amounted to \$3,354.57. The Committee is not in favor of the new note (Form No. 6) requiring a guaranty to complete the transaction, and recommends that loans be made on honor only, or take no new applications until this request has been modified by the Grand Encampment.

A new Manual of Asylum Ceremonies was presented and adopted. The Proceedings of 1938 were duly approved, and then to make everything legal they went back to 1871 and approved all of the Proceedings from the date of organization.

The retiring Grand Commander received his jewel. The minutes of this Conclave not read or approved.

REVIEW

Past Grand Commander Charles H. Marley presents his eighteenth review. Economy is the watchword in Nebraska, and his space is limited. He feels a bit lonely as he views the vacant chairs at the round table, and trusts that ere long all seats at the table will again be filled. In commenting on the review for Kansas, he says: "Elmer Strain can pack more information in a smaller space than any Reviewer we know about." Well, we can say the same about Sir Knight Marley.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM T. ALBRECHT,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT LEWIS E. SMITH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Lincoln, April 18, 1940.

NEVADA

The Grand Commandery of Nevada passes its adolescent period with this, the twenty-first Annual Conclave held in Sparks, June 5, 1939. The Proceedings show a full length portrait of Sir Knight George B. Russell, R. E. Grand Commander in full Templar uniform. He has the bearing and appearance of a real Templar, and his address justifies this observation.

A special conclave was held in Reno, April 28, 1939, for the purpose of receiving the Grand Master, Sir Knight Mark Norris. All Grand Officers, except Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Senior Warden were present. Nine Past Grand Commanders and representatives from each of the Constituent Commanderies. As evidence of the cordial relations in the York Rite, the Grand Master of Masons, Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Grand Council attended the special conclave. The Grand Master was received with all the honors due his station and "delivered an excellent address that will long be remembered by those privileged to hear it."

The Twenty-first Annual Conclave convened at Sparks on June 5, 1939, with all Grand Officers present except Grand Captain General and Grand Senior Warden who were ill, eight of the twelve living Past Grand Commanders headed by Sir Knight Walter J. Harris, the first Grand Commander in 1918, and fourteen Grand Representatives. Each of the Constituent Commanderies were represented, four by Past Eminent Commanders, only two Commanders being present.

The Grand Commander reports the removal of Malta Commandery No. 3 from Goldfield to Las Vegas. This Commandery was chartered in Goldfield in 1910, when it was the most active city in Nevada, "now only a shadow of its glorious past." The new location is a promising field.

Commenting upon the visit of the Grand Master, he says:

"It was the first official visitation of a Grand Master to this jurisdiction in many years, and I am glad to say that all the Commanderies in Nevada were represented.—It was a memorable conclave, and those who motored hundreds of miles from distant cities to be present felt amply repaid for their long journey."

Four Dispensations were granted "for good and sufficient reasons." Christmas and Easter were observed.

Nevada is not only the youngest, but the smallest Grand Jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment family, but it has its compensations. The members enjoy the personal touch which is impossible in the larger jurisdictions.

The Grand Commander installed the officers of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1 in Reno, and Lahontan Commandery No. 7 at Fallon, and says: "All the officers were personally known to me."

There is an interesting father and son condition reported—Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman was installed as Commander by his father, Sir Knight Charles H. Gorman, Past Grand Commander, and the retiring Commander, was Sir Knight Gordon Harris, a son of the Senior Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Walter J. Harris.

In the Grand Commander's recommendations, he says:

"While I do not believe in active proselyting, I do believe that our members generally might be more active in encouraging worthy members of the Royal Arch Chapter to apply for membership in the Commandery."

Work of this character is not proselyting. It is not only the privilege, but the duty of every loyal Templar to solicit petitions from Royal Arch Masons. We quote this from the conclusion of the Grand Commander's address:

"I wish to express again a thought that I endeavored to carry on my official visitations. In this time of world turmoil our existence is challenged, and free government is challenged, by hordes who are spreading propaganda subversive to our ideals and institutions and to our cherished personal liberty. It is the duty of all Knights Templar, and all good men to counteract this influence, and we can do so if we try. It may be advisable to make changes in our economic system, but as a wise man recently said: "We must change the hearts of men before there can be lasting peace." Brotherly love, charity, and the teachings of Christ must subvert lust, selfishness and tyranny. So long as there is conflict with human nature—there will be conflict between nations in military form. We need to begin with the spirit of war wherever it exists and change it. A determined and inspired minority can carry the majority with it. It is the lesson of history.

"It takes God to bring this spirit into human nature. The world's primary need is for moral recovery; for moral rearmament, and this can only be achieved through a spiritual renaissance in human nature.

"In this, our Masonic Order of Christian Knighthood is called upon to lead. It is our duty and our privilege. If we bring ourselves to an understanding of a Creator of Perfect Love, if we will banish the doctrine of hate and fear and exalt the doctrine of Peace and Love, if we will guide humanity into tune with the Infinite, if we will rededicate our lives thus to serve our fellow man, and our God, then will future generations rise up and call us blessed."

The Educational Foundation reports three loans amounting to \$275.00. Repayments of \$575.00 on principal and \$22.00 interest.

REVIEW

No review.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN W. PAINTER,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT EDWARD C. PETERSON,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Virginia City, June 10, 1940.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Ninety-second Annual Conclave in the Granite State was convened in the City of Portsmouth, October 3, 1939. Sir Knight Willis N. Rugg, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presiding.

All Grand Officers, eight of the fifteen living Past Grand Commanders, twenty-three Grand Representatives, and delegates or proxies for ten of the eleven Constituent Commanderies, were present.

Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, Right Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment, and Past Grand Commander of Virginia, was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master. Guests were present from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut and Maine, also Sir Knight Warren H. Tucker, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire.

The Grand Commander had the happy privilege of presiding in the Asylum of his own Commandery, where, years before, he started on his Templar journey. The address is confined to local matters with some suggestions for improvement of Templar conditions. Officers of the Commanderies are urged to take an interest in the Royal Arch Chapters, open their Commanderies promptly on time, keep the work moving, avoid long waits—"There is nothing so tiresome as degree work that lags." We note that Commanderies in New Hampshire are allowed to confer Orders in any part of their jurisdiction, and the Grand Commander is of the opinion that this creates greater interest. He says:

"Keep your Commandery before the public, and your members interested, and you will have good results."

All of the Commanderies were personally inspected by the Grand Commander, and Orders were exemplified in each Commandery. Ten Dispensations were issued, all in accordance with Templar Law. He declined to approve a By-Law reducing the initiation fee below the minimum required by the Grand Encampment.

All Commanderies observed Christmas, a good record. The outstanding religious festival was the observance of St. John's Day at Portsmouth, June 24, 1939. Five Commanderies from Maine, three from Massachusetts and eight from New Hampshire participated. The parade numbered about seven hundred Sir Knights. Commenting upon membership, he says:

"The problem of loss in membership is still with us, but our total loss is less than last year, and I think that with a little hard work, and perhaps a reduction in the fee, we can overcome this situation."

Sir Knight Melvin M. Dresser, in a supplementary report presents a much more candid picture of conditions, and shows conclusively that the decline in membership began in 1927, two years before the so-called depression, and that in 1930, the very worst period of the depression, the loss was 114 as compared with 115 this year. He says:

"We have been optimistic to an extreme degree—assuring ourselves that this was a transitory period, and that it would soon pass. I ask you, can we go on fooling ourselves? The answer is "NO."

He cites correctly the prime cause of all the trouble, not only in New Hampshire but throughout every jurisdiction. *Indifference*, lack of interest on the part of our membership. The great enemy of all organizations—civil, political, religious or fraternal.

A study of the statistical report of the Grand Recorder shows only four of the eleven Commanderies secured petitions, with a total of seventeen, and one Commandery secured nine, or more than one half of the total number, and the net loss was six per cent of the total membership.

There is only one solution. The officers of the Constituent Commanderies must arouse their membership, make the conclaves interesting, give the members something to think about and something to do. An interested member is an active member, and an active member is an asset. Sir Knight Dresser concludes his report with this paragraph:

"Like all branches of Freemasonry, the great Order of Knights Templar rests upon firm foundations, its principles savor of the richest and best in idealism whose roots come from deep down in the Holy Book on its altars. I cannot believe that the Great Architect of the Universe will suffer its extinction or suppression, nor should we allow it to reach a state of complete desuetude, but He's placing the issue squarely up to us and the burning question is; will we meet the challenge?"

Sir Knight William Moseley Brown as the personal representative of the Grand Master, called attention to the suggested change of dates for the Annual Conclaves in New England States, and a committee was appointed to report at the next Annual Conclave.

The Grand Commandery accepted an invitation from Massachusetts and Rhode Island to join with them in attending the Forty-first Triennial in Cleveland. A committee was appointed to prepare and present a suitable Christmas service to be adopted by the Grand Commandery.

The report on the Educational Foundation is presented by Sir Knight Frank A. Fish, Past Grand Commander, as Treasurer. It is very short, but shows an improvement over last year. Nine new loans were made amounting to \$1,800.00. No report of collections, interest, or operating expense.

REVIEW

Sir Knight J. Melvin Dresser presents fifty-five pages of interesting facts and figures, being his third review. In the interest of economy his space was limited, but he hits all of the high spots and his supplemental report has given all Templars something to think over.

SIR KNIGHT GEORGE W. GARLAND,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT J. MELVIN DRESSER,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Dover, October 1, 1940.

NEW JERSEY

As we open the Proceedings we are greeted by the smiling countenance of our old friend, Robert P. Sherman, Right Eminent Grand Commander. Like a true Knight he appears in full Templar uniform.

New Jersey has a very live organization of Past Commanders who hold their annual meeting and banquet on the evening immediately preceding the Annual Conclave. It was our pleasure to be present as a guest and listen to an inspiring address from Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, Right Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Conclave convened at Trenton, March 3, 1939, with all Grand Officers except the Grand Sword Bearer, who had removed from the State, nine of the sixteen living Past Grand Commanders, thirty-one Grand Representatives, and representatives from twenty-six of the twenty-nine Constituent Commanderies. Sir Knight Walter A. De Lamater, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of New York and Right Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master, accompanied by Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden, and Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, Right Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment. Visitors were present from Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New York.

It requires thirty pages to carry the address of Grand Commander Sherman covering his intense activities for the year. He was installed Grand Commander on March 4, 1938, and the following evening, March 5, we find him over in New York accompanied by a delegation from New Jersey, attending a reception given to Grand Master Norris. From this point the dates of his visits reads like an annual calendar. He attended five Annual Conclaves, was present at the inspection of every one of the twenty-nine Constituent Commanderies, made twenty-one other visits, and then lists, with regret, twenty-four invitations which he was compelled to decline. Twenty-three Dispensations were granted, and we are pleased to note that only one was to receive and ballot upon petitions.

Last year the Grand Commandery decided to operate under a budget system. The allotment was \$4,366.50. They spent \$4,274.11, leaving a balance of \$92.39. We extend congratulations, and recommend them for positions in the Federal service.

Regarding the Educational Foundation the Grand Commander makes this comment:

"In my humble opinion this is one of the outstanding things Templar Masonry does for those outside our guarded doors. It has found favor all over the country, and it is the justification of the existence of our Order in a modern age."

Grand Commander Sherman is keenly alive to the fact that Templary is a Christian Order, and that due attention should be given to the observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day. He says:

"The Order of Christian Knighthood is a strong believer in the Christian Religion. We, as Knights Templar, are in duty bound to uphold that religious faith."

A combined Palm Sunday service was held at Ridgewood, New Jersey. Nearly every Commandery was represented. This is putting practice into profession. Public installations are endorsed by the Grand Commander as a means of stimulating interest. He says:

"These installation ceremonies can be made very impressive and elaborate, thereby enabling those present who are not Knights Templar, to witness and carry away with them something beautiful and long to be remembered."

The report of Grand Recorder West shows a slight improvement over last year. Knighted forty-eight, a gain of seventeen. Affiliated and Restored—21, a gain of five, and Suspended—351 which is twenty-two less than last year.

The Grand Treasurer shows cash on hand \$5,873.46. Securities \$5,000.00, total assets \$10,873.46.

The Educational Foundation reports a year of activity which indicates that they are functioning in accord with the original idea, viz: a revolving fund. Fifty-three loans were granted amounting to \$10,275.00. Collections amounted to \$6,151.31, with interest on loans of \$1,777.75.

The report of the Committee on "The Good of the Order" is made by Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment. He calls attention to the reports of previous years which were received with acclaim and treated with indifference. We quote his closing paragraph:

"The challenge which is thrown out to you and me today is very real and of vital importance. May each one of us accept the responsibility that is ours as defenders of our faith as devotees of a Christian Order that has a right to live and to expand as men of the pioneering instinct of our forefathers who made America great by their rugged individualism and their eternal fight against the enemies of society—a society that looks to Christian Orders such as ours for support and inspired guidance."

REVIEW

There is no review, but twenty-four pages is given up to the rosters of the twenty-nine Commanderies, including the names of the Sir Knights who were suspended.

What a splendid service to Templary could have been rendered had

Past Grand Commander George W. Kite been permitted to use those twenty-four pages at no additional expense.

SIR KNIGHT GERALD O. THOMPSON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT EDWARD WEST,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Trenton, March 2, 1940.

NEW MEXICO

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave was held at Gallup, October 20, 1939, and three copies of the Proceedings were received on December 8. A good record.

Last year this young member of the Grand Encampment family reported a gain of two in membership, and we turned eagerly to the report for this year only to meet with disappointment, as we find a net loss of six. They knighted sixty-two this year as against forty-nine last year, indicating increased activity in the Constituent Commanderies, but other factors offset this apparent gain.

A portrait of Sir Knight Louis S. Rockett, Right Eminent Commander, greets us from the first page of the Proceedings, and we learn from the record that he is not only Grand Commander, but also for the twenty-four hours preceding the convening of the Conclave, he was Grand Master of Masons, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. A most unusual record.

The Deputy Grand Commander presiding temporarily, introduced Sir Knight Rockett in his threefold capacity, and the welcome was extended by Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, who had been previously received under the arch of steel.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers except the Grand Generalissimo, who died December 18, 1938. Eight of the twenty-four living Past Grand Commanders, nineteen Grand Representatives and delegates from ten of the twelve Constituent Commanderies.

Reading between the lines we infer that the Grand Commander tendered his sword to the Most Eminent Grand Master when he was received in the East.

Grand Master Norris in his usual courteous manner, called attention to the fact that the sword is not the emblem of authority and should never be surrendered, except under arrest. We have seen this happen repeatedly, and the purpose of this comment is to call attention to the fact that it is irregular.

Grand Commander Rockett was very active during the year. Six Dispensations were granted, five of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions. On the first of each month from December, 1938, to September, 1939, a personal letter was mailed to each Eminent Commander and each Recorder. The purpose was to reach the individual Sir Knight with a message of inspiration, but on account of the small numbers who attend the Conclaves, the Grand Commander is of the opinion that his efforts bore very little fruit. He personally visited every Constituent Commandery, some of them several times.

Four York Rite Festivals were held and the Grand Commander says: there are arguments pro and con in connection with this method. The principal objection seems to be the fact that Line Officers no longer commit the Ritual to memory.

The report on Christmas, Easter and Ascension, the Holy Days of Templary, is among the best we have recorded this year. Every Constituent Commandery in the jurisdiction observed Christmas. Nine of the twelve Commanderies observed Easter, and seven observed Ascension Day. Here is one of the reasons for the high standard of Templary in New Mexico and the membership record.

It is customary for retiring Grand Commanders to make recommendations relative to methods of operation, conservation of finances, etc., but Grand Commander Rockett makes only one recommendation, which might well be adopted by every member of the Grand Encampment family, viz:

"That each of us again rededicate ourselves to the great principles of the Order. Some mighty urge is needed to awaken the rank and file of Templary—something to stir the soul and excite men to action. It is, therefore, up to those of us who still have the spark of an ambition to work for Templary to rally the sluggish, arouse the indifferent and press on to victory."

A resolution was adopted changing the date of the Annual Conclave to the Tuesday after the first Monday in May in accordance with the suggestion of Grand Master Norris.

The report of the Educational Loan Fund Committee reads as follows:

"Your committee having evidence of the fact that funds in the Grand Lodge Revolving Student Loan Fund would be sufficient for such demands as might be called upon for loans for educational purposes, resolved to devote their entire effort in collection of outstanding loans due this committee. The result of such efforts is shown in detail in the report of the Grand Recorder under Educational Loan Fund, and reads as follows:

Payments on loans	\$1,081.47
Interest on loans	221.34
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	295.00
Total	\$1,597.81

The Grand Recorder reports no loans since 1935.

The address of Grand Master Norris is published in full. As usual, it is an inspiring message. Would that it might find its way, in pamphlet form, to the home of every Sir Knight, and be reflected in his life.

REVIEW

No review.

SIR KNIGHT ERIC S. KINTSEL,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT ALPHEUS A. KEEN,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Albuquerque, May 7, 1940.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and twenty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Empire State was held in the City of Elmira, June 5, 1939, the home city of Grand Commander Jackson R. Shoemaker whose portrait in full Templar uniform appears upon the first page of the Proceedings. The Grand Commander is the son of Sir Knight Guy W. Shoemaker, who was Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1911.

On Sunday, June 4, religious services were conducted in the Park Church. The sermon was delivered by Sir Knight and Rev. Charles D. Broughton, Prelate of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 30.

The Grand Commandery convened in the Mark Twain Hotel, with all Grand Officers, twelve of the sixteen living Past Grand Commanders, thirty-four Grand Representatives and delegates from seventy-two of the seventy-six Constituent Commanderies.

Visitors were present from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Canada. The Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Scottish Rite were represented. Sir Knight Harry G. Pollard was received as the representative of the M. E. Grand Master. Telegrams were dispatched to Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, and to two Past Grand Commanders who were ill.

The address of the Grand Commander is not only a complete account of his official acts during the year, but a review of Templar conditions. He wrote a personal letter of congratulation to each one of the seventy-six Commanders immediately following election, calling attention to some of the duties and responsibilities assumed. He is of the opinion that "the personal touch" with each Constituent Commandery, entirely aside from the Inspections, will produce good results. This condition has been proven so often that it needs no argument to commend it.

He granted sixty Dispensations, and made forty-three Visitations, including the Annual Conclaves of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

He made an earnest effort to bring together all branches of the Order upon a common ground of helpfulness. Here is one of his recommendations:

"I would recommend the closest co-operation between the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. Unity of purpose must be attained if we expect to face the future without fear."

He is of the opinion that present economic conditions require a readjustment in the initiation fee:

"In our present world, motivated by hate, here and there we find an oasis where the weary pilgrim can sit down, rest, and enjoy the companionship of others in surroundings attuned to the teachings of the Nazarene. The Church and Templary afford such an oasis. In order that more men can avail themselves of our companionship, why not during this time of trouble, reduce our initiation fee to the minimum; appoint a uniform clearing committee, and request each Commandery to list therewith whatever equipment and uniforms it has for sale. This would provide a central source of information through which contact could be established with a minimum effort."

The cost of a uniform is one of the chief reasons for the reduced number of candidates. Men hesitate to spend from sixty to one hundred dollars for equipment which will be worn only upon limited occasions. There are thousands of uniforms hanging in lockers or packed in mothballs, which could be brought to light and used at a minimum of cost. We approve of the suggestion.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net loss of 1,103, the lowest since 1933. The Trustees show total assets of \$108,012.44.

The Secretary of the Educational Foundation, Sir Knight Stuart H. Walker, presents a report covering fourteen pages. Using the report of the committee at New Orleans in 1922 as a text, he covers the experience of fifteen years in the Administration of the Division of New York, concluding with the financial statement for the current year from which we learn that loans were made amounting to \$54,710.00. Repayments—\$30,528.47, and interest—\$10,779.57. Operating expenses—\$10,723.23.

A resolution was presented by the Finance Committee, raising the per capita tax from sixty to seventy cents. It failed to receive the necessary number of votes and was not adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution, presented at the last Annual Conclave, providing for Life Membership upon an actuarial basis, was adopted.

Each of the seventy-six Commanderies were inspected by a Line Officer, and the Inspection reports are published in full in the Proceedings.

REVIEW

Sir Knight John B. Mullan, Grand Recorder, presents eighty-two pages of review covering all of the jurisdiction except Utah, and including Canada, and England and Wales.

SIR KNIGHT W. RAY CONVERSE,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN B. MULLAN,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Jamestown, June 10, 1940.

NORTH CAROLINA

The fratres of North Carolina met in Durham, Monday, May 8, 1939, for the Fifty-ninth Annual Conclave. Sir Knight Charles B. Newcomb, Right Eminent Commander.

Religious services preceding the convening of the Grand Commandery were conducted Sunday evening, May 7, at Trinity Methodist Church, by Sir and Rev. W. C. Cravner, Eminent Grand Prelate.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers, ten of the twenty-one living Past Grand Commanders, twenty Grand Representatives, and delegates from twenty-six of the thirty-one Constituent Commanderies. Among the visitors we note the Grand High Priest, Sir Knight J. Ray Shute, the Deputy Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter, Sir Knight John H. Anderson, and the Grand Master of Masons, Sir Knight J. Edward Allen. Sir Knights Anderson and Allen are also Past Grand Commanders.

An unfortunate condition developed in connection with the visit of the personal representative of the Grand Master. Sir Knight Louis U. Strassburger, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, was appointed. His untimely death caused a vacancy, and Sir Knight Maurice E. White, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania was appointed. Serious illness in the family of Sir Knight White prevented his attendance.

Sir Knight O. Frank Hart, Past Grand Commander, and present Grand Recorder of South Carolina was a guest, and later in the conclave delivered an address on the subject—"Putting Old Wine in New Bottles."

The address of the Grand Commander is confined to local matters. He reports the passing of three Past Grand Commanders—Sir Knight William Anderson, 1909, Sir Knight William C. Brown, 1911, and Sir Knight Orpheus Spencer, 1914. One Decision is reported, viz: That a duly elected Eminent Commander who resigns before the end of his term is not entitled to the rank of a Past Commander, and that his successor who completes the term of service becomes a Past Commander.

This is in accordance with Grand Encampment Templar Law. Two Dispensations were granted and two refused, one for permission to receive and ballot upon a petition at a special conclave. One charter was arrested, and three delinquent Commanderies were cited to appear at this Annual Conclave and arrange a settlement. The special committee recommended that the Grand Commandery accept notes from each of these Commanderies, payable in ten equal installments, and in case the notes are not satisfied, the charters be arrested.

The Grand Commander gives a short but interesting account of his visit to Waynesville, North Carolina, for the dedication and unveiling of the Masonic monument at the Summer Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, June 11-13, 1938.

The question of liability under the Federal Social Security Act was discussed at some length, and a committee was appointed to make a complete survey and report to the Grand Commander.

For a number of years the Grand Commandery has been in possession of funds which properly belonged to the Educational Foundation. After correspondence with the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee, the correct amount was ascertained and the Grand Commander recommended that it be paid over to the Educational Foundation. The Finance Committee approved and the report was adopted.

Sir Knight J. Edward Allen for the Committee on Revision of Statutes reported that some sections were in conflict with Grand Encampment Law and recommended a revision. This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and approved. The Grand Recorder reports a net loss of 128. Last year the loss was 8, the lowest of any jurisdiction except Arizona with a total membership of only 486. The knightings were 41 compared with 80 last year, and D. N. P. D. 132 as against 76. This tells the story.

The Grand Treasurer shows income \$3,457.40. Disbursements \$3,786.89. Overdraft \$329.49. Reads like a government report, but they have invested funds amounting to \$31,000.00 and use the income for current expenses.

The Educational Foundation reports eleven loans amounting to \$1,150.00. Repayments on loans \$1,628.55. Interest from all sources \$1,102.01. Operating expense \$200.95. The required capital is \$37,404.00 and the total assets as of December 31, 1938, is \$64,071.24.

REVIEW

We are writing this from galley proof furnished by the Grand Recorder due to delay in printing the Proceedings. We are informed that when issued they will have the review by J. Edward Allen, and from his work in the past we are confident it will be interesting and inspiring.

SIR KNIGHT HERBERT M. FOY,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM RITCHIE SMITH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Charlotte, May, 1940.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Frates of North Dakota usually hold their Annual Conclave in May, but it was the desire of the Host Commandery, Lorraine No. 13, that it be held when the scenic beauties would appeal to the visitors, and so they selected June 2 and 3. It would appear that a goodly number of people in the Northwest had been praying for rain and their prayers were answered at just this time. It interfered with the program, but no one objected. Stockwell says they needed the rain, and they have the promise of an abundant harvest.

The meeting place for the Golden Anniversary Conclave was Bottineau, and the Right Eminent Commander was Adolph D. Ertresvaag. Prior to convening the Conclave religious services were conducted by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Walter Lee Airheart. His text: "For where thy treasure is there will thy heart be also." The address is printed in full.

The roll call shows all Grand Officers present except the Grand Treasurer and Grand Warder. Eleven Past Grand Commanders lead by Sir Knight Clarence A. Hale who was Grand Commander in 1895 when this Grand Commandery was only six years old. The roll of the Grand Representatives was called but we are left in the dark as to who responded. Representatives were present from each of the fourteen Constituent Commanderies.

His Honor, the Mayor, who is also a Sir Knight, presented the keys to the City and the Grand Commandery recessed while a representative of the Order of Eastern Star presented a basket of flowers with their good wishes.

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter was received as a guest. Later in the Proceedings we find that Sir Knight John G. Brown, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Montana, was received as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Commander is very short and confined to his activities during the year. Commenting upon Christmas observance, he says:

"I was disappointed in not receiving detailed reports from each Commandery. It seems to me the Commanderies should observe that part of the General Order."

Of course they should, and when they fall the responsibility rests upon the Grand Commander to see that his orders are carried out. The Grand Commander granted one Dispensation, made eight visits, and attended the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$1,642.94, of this amount \$469.25 is in warrants from Constituent Commanderies dating back to 1931.

The report of the Inspector, Sir Knight Claude A. Henderson, is a very frank and interesting document. He does not hesitate to place the blame where it is deserved. One inspection consisted of a dinner and when the time came for the full form opening the Commander announced that the program was concluded. The records were under lock and key and the Recorder absent, and the Inspector adds there is no excuse for this condition.

Grand Recorder Stockwell reports a net loss of 42 as compared with 18 last year.

The Educational Foundation report thirty loans during the year amounting to \$2,625.00. Repayment on loans—\$2,719.85. Interest on loans—\$358.72. Operating expense—\$633.40.

The Finance Committee compliments the officers upon having kept within the budget.

A resolution was adopted providing for the celebration of a Golden Jubilee in 1940.

REVIEW

Grand Recorder Stockwell submits a report of five pages in lieu of a review in which he presents, in his usual interesting form; some thoughts on world conditions, the Grand Encampment, the Educational Foundation and the 1940 Triennial. The conclusion was oral.

SIR KNIGHT FREDERICK J. CUMMENS,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WALTER L. STOCKWELL,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Minot, May 20, 1940.

OHIO

The Ninety-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio was held at Cleveland, September 20-21, 1939, and the copy of the Proceedings, consisting of 318 pages, including the review, was received November 24, 1939. A splendid piece of co-ordination between the printer and the Grand Recorder.

The book contains a number of illustrations and portraits which greatly increases its value. Among the portraits is Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Right Eminent Grand Commander in full Templar uniform. From the appended sketch we learn that he is a native son of Cleveland, active in civic and fraternal life of his home city, a World War veteran, and at the present time is serving as Chairman of the 41st Triennial Conclave Committee.

The Annual Conclave convened in the Masonic Temple, Euclid Avenue, Wednesday, September 20, 1939. The report of the Credentials Committee shows all Grand Officers, six of the eleven Past Grand Commanders, thirty-one Grand Representatives, and delegates from seventy-seven of the seventy-nine Constituent Commanderies. Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Past Grand Commander of Texas, and Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, was duly presented as the personal representative of the Grand Master. Then follows a long list of distinguished visitors, including three members of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Leonidas P. Newby, Past Grand Master, Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Grand Junior Warden, and Sir Knight and Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, Grand Prelate.

New York, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Indiana were represented by Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Michigan by the Grand Senior Warden and two Past Grand Commanders. All of the co-ordinate bodies in the York and Scottish Rite were represented. A happy Masonic family.

The Grand Commander opens his address with a challenge to Christianity in a war torn world:

"Templary came into being during the darkness of the Middle Ages. It was dedicated and consecrated to human service. It was the champion of the teachings of the Christian religion. It was that religion which brought order out of chaos and dispelled the darkness and gloom through which an oppressed people groped blindly for light.

"Dark days are again upon us. War clouds are hovering over Europe. Everywhere there is unrest and again Christianity is called upon to play an important part in world affairs, and like a flaming beacon, light the way to peace on earth and good will toward men.

"With a prayer in my heart that our Christian Order of Knighthood will rise in its full strength to lead the way through the maze of difficulty and danger that surrounds us, I welcome you Sir Knights to the Ninety-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio."

The death of two Past Grand Commanders is noted. Sir Knight John P. McCune, who served in 1895, and Sir Knight Robert L. Queisser, Grand Commander in 1929. Sir Knight and Bishop Warren Lincoln Rogers, who served as Eminent Grand Prelate 1929-1932, died November 9, 1938.

Twenty-one Dispensations were granted, two refused. The Grand Commander was not called upon to render any Decisions, which would indicate that they were familiar with Templar Law in Ohio.

All Commanderies were inspected, and with few exceptions, conditions were satisfactory. We are of the opinion that this is due to the service rendered by the Council for Templar Advancement. The system was recommended in 1935, and given a trial in 1936 by Grand Commander Paul P. O'Brian. The State has nine District Councils and the Grand Commander says they form a perfect liaison between the Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies. This thought might well be given consideration in sister jurisdictions. In his conclusion the Grand Commander states that his years of service has entailed some sacrifice, but it had many compensations, chief among which are the cherished friendships. This has been the experience of every officer who has rendered unselfish service.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that they are in sound financial condition with cash amounting to \$51,286.56, and U. S. Treasury Bonds in the amount of \$42,000.00.

The membership report presented by the Grand Recorder shows a net loss of 1,101. Nine of the Constituent Commanderies show a gain in membership. The net loss, however, is thirty-nine greater than last year.

The Educational Foundation reports loans amounting to \$10,550.29, with repayments of \$20,722.14, and interest from all sources of \$10,063.68. Operating costs—\$3,632.00. Required capital—\$288,684.00. Actual assets as of December 31, 1938—\$365,343.04.

The address of Sir Knight John Temple Rice, the personal representative of the Grand Master is printed in full and contains valuable information and constructive suggestions.

REVIEW

Sir Knight Oliver D. Everhard, Eminent Past Commander of Akron Commandery No. 25, presents seventy pages of review. His foreword is deeply interesting. Outlining the fact that we are all subject to an immutable law from which there is no escape. He cites Faith, Hope and Love as the basis of human relationship and says:

"We believe the Order of Knights Templar to be an instrument or vehicle through which we may catch a gleam of Eternal Truth—Let us be more concerned about whether we have caught the vision of the Spirit of Templary."

SIR KNIGHT LLOYD E. ROULET,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT W. EDWIN PALMER,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Toledo, October 9, 1940.

OKLAHOMA

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma convened for the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave in the Municipal Auditorium at Oklahoma City, Tuesday, May 2, 1939. The Mayor of the City, Sir Knight Robert Hefner, delivered an address of welcome.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials is evidence of the loyalty of the Templars in Oklahoma. It shows all Grand Officers, seventeen of the twenty-two living Past Grand Commanders, forty-two of the forty-five Grand Representatives, and representatives from thirty-three of the forty Constituent Commanderies. The best record to cross our desk so far this season. We extend congratulations.

The list of visitors includes Sir Knight George F. Beezley, Past Grand Commander of Kansas, as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

On the first page of the Proceedings we find a picture of Grand Commander Richard E. Newhouse in full Templar uniform, followed by a biographical sketch, from which we learn that he has been active, Masonically, since 1913, in all branches of the York Rite. The Grand Commander granted thirteen dispensations, some of which were for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions. He rendered one decision, viz: that a Grand Prelate was entitled to wear the regulation Grand Commandery shoulder straps during his term of office and resume his former rank at the expiration, also that he is not entitled to the prefix "Past," all of which was approved.

The Grand Commander was a diligent visitor. His first visit after installation was made May 10, 1938, to the Grand Conclave of Kansas, and his thirty-ninth on April 28, 1939.

The York Rite Festival was continued, and is reported very successful. It was held in Oklahoma City, November 11, 1938, and the Grand Commander recommended both a Fall and Spring Festival to be held in different sections of the State.

Discussing Delinquent and Dormant Commanderies, the Grand Commander says:

"For several years we have had a few Commanderies who neglected to make reports, hold conclaves or perform any other act. We are neglecting our duty should we allow this to continue. I believe we should consider our Masonic Bodies as business institutions and govern them as such. Consider our Grand Body as the headquarters, with our stores all over the State, each with its manager and staff of clerks, and each reporting to the main office all of its transactions.

"Should any of the stores fail to perform satisfactorily, we would certainly not permit the same officers to remain in charge, month after month and year after year without ascertaining the difficulty and correcting it. Should the city not be of sufficient size, or the trade not of

the type to warrant maintaining the store, it should be either closed or moved to another city."

This is good advice, but it becomes very difficult at times to harmonize strict business rules and fraternal relations, and the situation calls for the exercise of diplomacy.

One Charter was arrested, and two Commanderies consolidated. Action in the case of another delinquent Commandery was deferred.

The Grand Commander recommended that the sum of two hundred dollars be set aside each year for a triennial fund. The Finance Committee said that under present conditions it was impossible. It was also recommended that the fees for the Orders be raised from one to four dollars. This was incorporated in a new Constitution submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee, and adopted.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer it appears that they have a balance on hand of \$3,910.33.

The work of the year as reported by the Grand Recorder shows a slight improvement over 1938. Knighting eighty-eight as compared with seventy-nine last year, and the net loss 119 against 156.

The passing of Sir Knight Robert W. Hill, who was the first Grand Commander of Indian Territory in 1895, is noted by the Committee on Necrology.

The Educational Foundation Committee reports show the Fund in good condition. They include the word "Loan" in the title. The title was amended January 1, 1929, to "The Knights Templar Educational Foundation" (Proc. 1928, page 205-359.) Sixteen new loans were made and twenty-one were repaid in full.

Sir Knight Beezley, personal representative of the Grand Master, delivered a short address which appears in full in the Proceedings.

REVIEW

A two page summary of notes from the Proceedings of all jurisdictions except Utah, is presented by Sir Knight Fred H. Clark, Past Grand Commander. He asks, is an individual review wanted? and then proceeds to answer his own question by citing the opinion of individual reviewers who favor it. We are inclined to agree, but the question of expense enters into the problem, and a balanced budget is preferable to a page of printing.

The Grand Commander received his jewel. The minutes were not read or approved, and the Grand Commandery adjourned.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN I. TAYLOR,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JAMES A. LATHIM,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Guthrie, May 7, 1940.

OREGON

We are greeted by the smiling face of Sir Knight J. Alton Thompson, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in Templar uniform, as we open the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Conclave of the "Beaver State." The biographical sketch shows that he was born and educated in Michigan, and in 1907 followed Horace Greeley's advice "To go West," locating in Oregon where he has held the position of School Superintendent since 1916.

Preliminary to the convening of the Grand Commandery for the business of the Annual Conclave, the officers assembled Saturday afternoon, April 8, and the Order of the Red Cross was conferred upon a class of candidates by a team from St. Aldemar Commandery. In the evening the Order of Malta was conferred by a team from Washington Commandery. Sunday, April 9, being Easter, it was observed by a regular Church Service. The program is printed in full including a stirring message from Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, and the sermon delivered by Sir Knight and Rev. William B. Mahon.

The regular business of the conclave was taken up Monday, April 10, 1939. All Grand Officers present except the Grand Sword Bearer (who died November 13, 1938), and Grand Prelate. Eleven Past Grand Commanders headed by L. Nelson Roney, Grand Commander in 1904, and thirty-five Grand Representatives. Guests were present from the Grand Commandery of Washington. The presiding officers of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters were present. Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master was received with an escort of Past Grand Commanders.

The address of the Grand Commander is confined to local matters except in his opening paragraph in which he calls attention to the fact that thirty-two of the fifty-five deputies who drafted our Constitution were Masons, and twenty-one of the signers of that document belonged to the Craft. "Such, Sir Knights, are the characters nurtured in our Order. Men of stalwart manhood, high character, guided by a vision into the realm of the eternal. Men who build according to the plan of God as revealed to us by the Great Captain of our Salvation. Shall we, as they, follow with Knightly fortitude where he leads?"

One Decision was rendered, viz: That a Commandery having granted a Demit had no further jurisdiction on the question of Life Membership. Seven Dispensations were granted, five of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions. The State was divided into six Districts, and a Grand Commandery Officer was assigned to each District. Meetings were held, and the Grand Commander says: "Our expectations were satisfactorily realized." The results speak for themselves as the Grand Recorder reports a net gain of nineteen, the first increase in membership since 1927.

The Committee on Necrology report the deaths of Sir Knight George G. Brown, Grand Commander in 1918, and Sir Knight J. Ray Graham, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer. Eulogies were delivered for each of these departed Sir Knights and appear in full in the Proceedings.

At the afternoon session Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, was introduced, and the Proceedings carry a full page portrait in Templar uniform, a reminder to Grand Commanders that the Templar uniform is the proper dress for Templar occasions. The address of the Grand Master is printed in full, and as usual contains practical suggestions for overcoming present difficulties. The Grand Master was elected an Honorary Member. The same honor was conferred upon Sir Knight Horatio N. Dryer, Grand Commander of Washington.

The Templar Code was revised to comply with the requirements of the Grand Encampment.

The Report of the Educational Foundation contains a complete financial statement covering fourteen years, and shows the Fund in good condition. During the year twelve loans were made amounting to \$1,905.00, and collections were \$2,851.50.

A Life Membership plan was adopted based solely upon the age of the member at the date of purchase.

REVIEW

The Grand Encampment Review by Sir Knight William H. Tester is included with the Proceedings.

SIR KNIGHT LOT L. SNODGRASS,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT D. RUFUS CHENEY,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, La Grande, April 8, 1940.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Eighty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in the City of Scranton, May 23-24, 1939. A portrait of Sir Knight David J. Davis, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform, adorns the first page. Scranton is called the "Electric City" and the Foreword presents a glowing description and a brief sketch of the program which opened with religious service at the Elm Park Methodist Church, Sunday evening. The sermon was delivered by the Pastor, Brother and Rev. Harold C. Case, D. D.

Monday, May 22, opened with an early breakfast to the Grand Commandery Officers and guests. This was followed by a special meeting for a discussion of the proposed new Constitution. Some amendments

were suggested and the Constitution as amended was duly adopted at the regular session. It is printed in full in the Proceedings.

Tuesday morning, Division Commanders' Breakfast at 7:15 A. M., followed by the Parade at 10:00 A. M. It was our privilege to sit in the Grand Stand, and we cannot resist the impulse to say a word regarding that most magnificent Templar demonstration in four divisions with ninety of ninety-five Constituent Commanderies in the line of march. It was a sight to thrill the heart of a Templar. Following the parade and prior to the mass formation, the Drill Corps of Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery No. 52, of Philadelphia, executed a mounted drill in front of the reviewing stand.

Tuesday at 3 P. M., the Grand Commandery settled down to business, and the Conclave convened with all Grand Officers except Grand Prelate, nine Past Grand Commanders, twenty Division Commanders, thirty Grand Representatives, and delegates from ninety of the ninety-five Constituent Commanderies.

Sir Knight Frederick J. Huester, Mayor of Scranton, extended a welcome. The list of guests fills a page of the Proceedings, lead by Sir Knight Walter Stover, Right Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of the Grand Master. Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, with representatives from New York, Connecticut, Tennessee, New Jersey, Maryland and District of Columbia. The Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Scottish Rite were represented.

Grand Commander Davis delivered an inspiring and optimistic address. Having been favored with his personal friendship for over a quarter of a century, we were neither surprised or disappointed. His slogan for the year was—"TEMPLARIZE." "Make New Members—Keep the Old," and he made it his business to see that every subordinate officer attended to his particular duty. This, undoubtedly, accounts for the substantial reduction in the net loss. He made forty-five visits, and says it was a matter of regret that he could not accept all invitations, due to an automobile accident in January. Each one of his visits was an outstanding event for Templary. He requires twenty-six pages of the Proceedings in reporting the programs. At the visit in Uniontown, August 26, 1938, the Grand Officers conferred the Order of the Temple upon thirty-two candidates. The Grand Commander in commending Uniontown Commandery No. 49, says:

"May others emulate your example."

We suggest the same thought to other Grand Commandery Officers.

Fifty-six Dispensations were issued. No record of any refused. Perhaps the Templars of Pennsylvania are familiar with their rules and regulations regarding Dispensations.

Grand Commander Davis uses the word "invade" when Palestine Commandery No. 18 of New York received permission to visit St. Johns Commandery No. 4 of Philadelphia. We do not like the word "invade" and we have said so repeatedly. It is not a friendly word. "Permission to enter" is much preferable.

Ladies' Auxiliaries are heartily approved. Pennsylvania has a Traveling Beauceant which is confined to the Commanderies within the State. Unlike the Beauceant of Cyrene Preceptory of Toronto, Canada, this is really a traveler. It is intended to have it visit every Commandery in the State, and with each visit it furnishes an occasion for arousing the Templar spirit.

Two Decisions were rendered which appear to be in accordance with Templar law and were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Orders and Circulars are, very properly, relegated to the appendix.

The report of Grand Recorder Laird shows that Pennsylvania retains her place as the largest jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment family. Present membership—25,781, with a net loss of 1,276, an improvement over last year of 796.

The report of the Trustees indicate that the Grand Commandery is in sound condition, financially.

The Educational Foundation presents a very interesting and constructive report. They note an improvement in collections. Of course, they have the same difficulty with delinquent borrowers, but they conclude the report with this statement:

"Notwithstanding the discouraging and disappointing elements attending this effort, that ray of sunshine which justifies it, is the feeling of appreciation and gratitude evidenced by the voluntary utterances made by self-respecting, conscientious borrowers who have repaid in full, and those who are honestly and courageously making every effort to repay their loans. These may be regarded as having a high sense of honor and known to be guided by the principles of the Christian Religion. They are dependable citizens whom the Knights Templar may regard with pride and satisfaction."

Total amount of loans \$23,508.00. Collections—\$29,247.94. Interest from all sources—\$11,270.06. Operating expenses—\$6,575.68. Sir Knight Arthur D. Bacon, Past Grand Commander, who writes the review, presented a "Declaration of Principles" which was read and printed in full. It might well be adopted as a part of the program of every Grand Jurisdiction.

REVIEW

The review is by the veteran penman, Past Grand Commander Arthur D. Bacon. He presents sixty-eight pages in his usual interesting

form, prefaced by a statistical report showing gains and losses for the year. He says:

"Templary, Sir Knights, is not a social diversion; a plaything; it is genuine. It actually and specifically induces a Christian Spirit to fructify into a higher type of manhood."

SIR KNIGHT PAUL M. MOORE,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN W. LAIRD,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Erie, May 28, 1940.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Fratres of South Carolina not only believe in, but practice conservation of finances. The entire Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Conclave held at Gaffney, April 11, 1939, is reported in thirty-five pages.

The roll call shows all Grand Officers except the Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Warder, eight of the twelve living Past Grand Commanders, and twenty-five Grand Representatives. Sir Knight Eugene E. Thompson, Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia was received as the representative of the Grand Master.

Visitors were present from Georgia. The Grand Lodge and General Grand Chapter were represented.

The address of Grand Commander Park is very brief, but he reports some constructive work. He personally visited all but two of the Constituent Commanderies, and undoubtedly this is why we find some Templar life stirring in the "Palmetto State." Nothing quite equals the personal touch. The report shows ten candidates knighted this year as compared with none for the entire State last year. He granted four Dispensations, each to elect and install officers at other than the Annual Conclave. He rendered one Decision, viz: that a Commandery could not reduce their fee for a limited period without amending their By-Laws. Regarding Christmas and Easter, he says:

"Our annual custom of observing Christmas was followed by one half of our Commanderies with varied numbers in attendance. The other half did not report so am unable to state whether or not they met."

Regarding Easter he is unable to report attendance or interest. This is an unfortunate condition and should be remedied if Templary is to advance in South Carolina.

Ours is a Christian Order, predicated upon the Birth, Life, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, and the anniversary days in our religious program should be faithfully observed by all loyal Templars. When we neglect these opportunities of convincing the world at large that we

actually believe what we profess, we are losing the most vital element in our organization.

Commenting on the Educational Foundation, he says:

"The report to be made by this committee reveals the statistics of this fine undertaking, but it does not reveal the accomplished improvements in the lives of the beneficiaries—those rewards are not reckoned in cold figures, but in our hearts we have the conscious knowledge that we are doing a great work."

He makes several recommendations regarding amendments to the Constitution, also that all Constituent Commanderies become incorporated.

A pathetic note was sounded when Sir Knight Joseph Lindsay, who has served as Grand Recorder since 1913 except the year 1926 when he was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, announced his retirement. He was "unanimously and enthusiastically" elected Grand Recorder Emeritus.

Net loss in membership—132, as compared with 126 in 1938. The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$1,405.17. Of this amount \$586.45 is in a defunct bank.

We quote this paragraph from the report of the Committee on "Doings of Grand Officers."

"We note that he (the Grand Commander) has received reports on the Christmas Observance from half of our Constituent Commanderies. We regret that our other Commanderies made no report, which means, of course, that they neglected the ceremony. The listless, moribund Commanderies, in the opinion of your committee, lack the driving power of an active, energetic Recorder. Much responsibility rests on the Commander, but unless he is supported by a Recorder worth his salt, the Commander has a difficult task in keeping the Commandery active. The Commander must give a large portion of his time and effort to ritualistic matters, and unless he has an enthusiastic Recorder, the conclaves and observances will surely suffer."

The death of two Past Grand Commanders is noted. Sir Knight Robert Thompson Goodale, Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1930, died May 29, 1938.

Sir Knight Matthew Ramsey Clark, Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1931, died December 5, 1938.

The Committee on Uniforms reported that they have been unable to get needed information, and asked to be excused from further investigation.

REVIEW

There is no review, but we find that Grand Recorder Lindsay recommended "that a sufficient number of the Grand Encampment Review be secured and bound with the Proceedings." The report was adopted, but

something happened between the Annual Conclave and the issue of the Proceedings, for we fail to find the review.

SIR KNIGHT ORION T. FINKLEA,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT O. FRANK HART,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Greenville, upon the date selected by the Royal Arch Chapter.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Sir Knights of South Dakota assembled for the Fifty-sixth Annual Conclave in Pierre, Monday, September 11, 1939. Religious services were conducted on Sunday evening, September 10th in Trinity Episcopal Church under the direction of Sir Knight and Rev. Edgar F. Siegfriedt, Eminent Grand Prelate.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers, nine of the twenty-one living Past Grand Commanders, including Sir Knight Ed S. Lorimer, Grand Commander in 1902, and Sir Knight Walter E. Stover, Grand Commander in 1935, and Right Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, twenty-five Grand Representatives and delegates from sixteen of the twenty-two Constituent Commanderies.

Among the distinguished guests we find Sir Knight Harlan P. Bushfield, Governor of South Dakota, who delivered an address on our responsibility as Knights Templar in the face of present war conditions.

Visitors were present from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota. The Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council were represented. Sir Knight Charles C. Clark was greeted as the personal representative of the Grand Master. Later, it is stated in the Proceedings, that he gave a most interesting, instructive and challenging address, but it is not published.

A portrait of Sir Knight Walter Harkness appears on the first page in civilian dress. We are sure he would look well in a Templar uniform. He received his Symbolic degrees in Kansas in 1885, demitted to South Dakota in 1904, and has been a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association since 1917.

The Grand Commander gives expression to a great truth in the opening paragraph of his address when he says:

"The whole world is disrupted along political, social, racial and economic lines. Templarism stands for the teachings of Christ, and never were its teachings more needed than today."

"We believe they must prevail, and with that belief we must carry on with enthusiasm and determination. Our lack of appreciation that we

must carry on is partly to blame for our lack of activity, and our lack of activity is largely responsible for our lack in numbers.

"No one joins or remains interested in an organization that is doing nothing—We are organized and pledged to help the innocent, the distressed, the helpless, and to promote the teachings of the Christian religion. When we really do these things we will command attention and respect—We will grow and we will make this good old world a better place in which to live."

This is the key note to success in our Fraternity. When we, as Templars, strive to live in keeping with the vows we have assumed, we will secure the respect and attention of the public. "Faith without works is dead."

The Grand Commander granted four Dispensations and refused one, a request to receive and ballot upon a petition at a special conclave, calling attention to Section 80 of the Grand Encampment Statutes. This section gives the Grand Commander permission to grant such Dispensations at regular conclaves if deemed proper.

The Educational Foundation reports the most active year in their history. Thirty-eight loans were made amounting to \$7,675.00. Not having sufficient funds on hand they were obliged to borrow \$1,500.00 from a bank, and repaid \$500.00 on account during the year. Repayments from students amounted to \$4,520.25. Interest collected—\$854.16. Expense of operating—\$484.92. They have appealed to the Educational Committee of the Grand Encampment for a transfer of \$10,000.00 to meet requirements. South Dakota is giving a complete picture of a revolving fund. Their investments are in students.

The Code was amended last year providing for a Committee on Hospitaler's Movement. A committee of three was appointed and immediately went into action. They contacted each Commandery; had sub-committees appointed, suggested social, reclamation and membership programs. The report of the committee covers six pages of outstanding accomplishment. We quote from the report of the committee:

"Fratres, let us remember that the Hospitaler's Movement was born of a need that is many years older than the Order of the Temple, and that there is just as much need today for this type of unselfish Christian service as there ever has been. If we do not revitalize our Commanderies by taking care of our membership in times of stress and trial, then we are not living up to the vows taken. Hospitaler's work and true Templarism walk hand in hand."

REVIEW

No review.

SIR KNIGHT ERNEST A. JONES,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WILBERT D. SWAIN,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Sioux Falls, date to be announced.

TENNESSEE

The Sir Knights of Tennessee assembled for the Seventy-seventh Annual Conclave in the Grand Lodge Building at Nashville, May 17, 1939.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials shows that all Grand Officers, twelve of the sixteen living Past Grand Commanders, and thirty-six Grand Representatives answered roll call. Attendance indicates loyalty. The Grand Commander has reason to be proud of the record.

Sir Knight Mack Shaeffer Harrison, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided over the deliberations of the Conclave. The Proceedings show his picture in full uniform of a Knight Templar. A number of guests were present, including Sir Knight Leonidas P. Newby, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, as personal representative of Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Commander is confined to five and one half pages, but it is full of optimism. He granted thirteen dispensations, seven of which were to elect and install officers to fill vacancies, and four to receive and ballot on petitions. Section 80 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment gives the Grand Commander this authority, but we are of the opinion that it was intended for emergencies and not for general purposes.

As evidence of his constructive work, he reports a Commandery which had not held a meeting for two years, resuming their Templar activities by conferring the Order of the Temple on a candidate with the prospect of future work.

He makes one recommendation, prompted by the suggestion of Grand Master Norris, relative to the grouping of Annual Conclaves. That the fiscal year end March 31, instead of April 30. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved and the recommendation was adopted. In conclusion, he says:

"My year as Grand Commander of this Grand Body of Christian Knights has indeed ended, but my active interest has not, nor can it end until this mortal shall have put on immortality and the memory of it will linger with me always."

The Report of the Educational Foundation Committee shows the fund in satisfactory condition. Required capital—\$34,128.00. Present net worth—\$57,206.05. Loans were made to fifteen students amounting to \$2,715.00. Repayments on loans—\$6,185.46. Interest collected from students—\$1,981.61. Operating expense—\$912.00. The Honor Roll shows the names of twenty-three students who repaid loans in full during 1938.

The statistical report of Grand Recorder Doss shows that eighteen of the twenty-two Commanderies conferred Orders during the year, and three Commanderies show and increase in membership.

Tennessee, like ancient Gaul, is divided into three parts, and we find Inspection Reports from West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee. The condensed report shows a very healthy condition. Highest rating—98.9. Lowest—86, with 527 members in total attendance.

Sir Knight Tester presents the report on Charity and Religious Observances, and is a bit pessimistic over the fact that some of the Commanderies made no report. However, in an appended note he advises that part of the trouble is due to negligence on the part of the Recorders. A Recorder who fails in this important duty is a liability to his Commandery.

The Triennial Committee reported a hotel contract including a headquarters suite. The Grand Commandery said "No" on headquarters, and also turned thumbs down on souvenirs.

A Resolution regarding uniforms was presented and laid over to the next Annual Conclave.

The Grand Commander received his jewel, and the minutes were read and approved.

REVIEW

A condensed review of two pages is presented by Sir Knight William H. Tester. He has the correct solution of conditions following the World War. Candidates rushed in prompted by selfish motives, and found to their disappointment that they must "give" before they could "get" and they lost interest. The so called "depression" is only slightly connected with the loss in membership. It is that old enemy to all organizations, "Indifference" that is causing the trouble. He refers those who may be interested, to his review for the Grand Encampment.

SIR KNIGHT CLYDE H. WILSON,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT THOMAS E. DOSS,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Nashville, April 30, 1940.

TEXAS

The Proceedings open with a series of portraits. First we find Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, the personal representative of the Grand Master, then comes their own distinguished Frater, Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, followed by Sir Knight Jewel P. Lightfoot, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Thomas M. Bartley, Past Grand Commander, and Grand Recorder, all in full Templar uniform.

Sunday evening, April 23, 1939, religious services were held in the Municipal Auditorium, under the direction of Bishop Charles C. Seleckman, Eminent Grand Prelate. Monday, April 24, was devoted to the Parade and Drill competition.

The regular business session of the Eighty-sixth Annual Conclave convened in the Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Tuesday, April 25, 1939. All Grand Officers were present except the Grand Prelate, who was excused, and the Grand Captain of the Guard who died January 16, 1939, thirteen of the twenty living Past Grand Commanders, headed by Sir Knight Frederic M. Gilbough, Grand Commander in 1901, and thirty-eight Grand Representatives. Only fifty-one of the eighty-one Constituent Commanderies were represented.

The opening ceremonies were very elaborate. First came the presentation of United States Colors. This was followed by the introduction of visitors. Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of the Grand Master, Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Past Grand Commander, and Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, followed by a Past Grand Commander from Oklahoma. As evidence of the cordial relations in the Masonic family in Texas, the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Scottish Rite were represented.

The Grand Commander in his opening paragraph acknowledges with grateful appreciation the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery, and says:

"The honor has been treated as a call to service, and although I have earnestly endeavored to perform its duties and to discharge its responsibilities, I am impressed with the feeling that my hopes and ambitions for constructive achievement have been only partially realized."

After reading his address we can assure Grand Commander Lightfoot that his work needs no apology. He arranged that each Commandery should have a communication from him at every stated conclave, and Texas has eighty-one Constituent Commanderies. He wrote a personal letter to every candidate, also to every affiliated and reinstated member. This procedure has been used by a very limited number of Grand Commanders, but remained for Grand Commander Lightfoot to write personal letters to all members who demitted or were suspended, inviting their return when conditions improved. This was possible through a system of quarterly reports which furnished information relative to conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

He granted twenty-four Dispensations, sixteen of which were to ballot upon petitions, refused four, rendered five Decisions, all of which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

A Statute of the Grand Commandery of Texas makes it the duty of Commanderies to celebrate Easter, Christmas and Ascension Day.

Twenty-two Commanderies did not observe any of these dates. The Grand Commander says:

"The Commandery which fails to observe these great Holy Days is neglecting to render honor to the Lord, and is depriving its members of a lofty privilege and duty of tremendous value to the general welfare of the Commandery. There is one highly important fact developed in the analysis of the returns from the eighty-one Commanderies of this State which should be brought to the attention of the Grand Commandery.

"It is the relation shown to exist between efficiency in the Asylum Tactics and the general observance of the Holy Days. The Commanderies showing the highest efficiency in Asylum Tactics made the best record in the observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day."

This condition holds true in every jurisdiction. When we, as professed Christian Soldiers, fail to live up to our vows, the world is not slow to take notice. The Grand Commander pays this tribute to the Educational Foundation:

"The perpetuity of a democratic and representative form of government in which liberty enjoys its highest development depends upon an educated and enlightened citizenship. The support being given to the cause of higher education by our great Order gives it an objective in keeping with its lofty character and beneficent mission. It is making a most valuable contribution to the advancement of learning, an essential to the continued progress of rising generations, and stability to our institutions of freedom."

He made three recommendations, one of which provided for a Distinguished Service Medal for the accomplishment of a definite program. The Finance Committee approved and appropriated \$200.00.

The Educational Foundation reports unusual activity. 419 loans were made amounting to \$56,815.00. Interest collected \$8,362.67. Payment on loans \$34,862.82, including \$331.26 on loans previously charged off. Total cost of operating \$5,750.81. Texas is making it a Revolving Fund.

Brownsville Commandery No. 62 having removed to San Benito, the name of the Commandery was changed to San Benito No. 62.

Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of the Grand Master addressed the Grand Commandery, and also "delivered a most eloquent and inspirational address at the Grand Commander's banquet."

Here is an item worthy of the attention of all Grand Recorders. The minutes of each day's session were read and approved. That is the time and place to approve the minutes, not the following year.

REVIEW

The review is by Sir Knight Sam J. Helm, Grand Representative for Pennsylvania. It is confined to one page, and it is a resume of conditions throughout the Grand Encampment, concluding with this paragraph:

"It behooves us to be prepared to profit by past experiences, and carry our banner with dignity and honor that all the world may appreciate our great work for Christianity and humanity."

SIR KNIGHT DANIEL N. CUSHING,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT THOMAS M. BARTLEY,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Greenville, April 16, 1940.

UTAH

The Thirtieth Annual Conclave convened in the Masonic Temple, Park City, Tuesday, May 10, 1939.

The Proceedings open with a full page portrait of Grand Master Mark Norris, also the outgoing and incoming Grand Commanders, each in full Templar uniform.

The Roll Call shows all Grand Officers, ten of the thirteen living Past Grand Commanders, twenty-eight Grand Representatives, and delegates from each of the five Constituent Commanderies. The Grand Commandery of Wyoming was represented by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Grand Senior Warden. Officers were introduced from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Scottish Rite.

The Grand Commandery of Utah was justly proud of the fact that Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, had honored them by his attendance at this conclave. Before adjournment they elected him an Honorary Member and he earned the distinction. They pressed him into service at every opportunity. He delivered the address of welcome to the Past Grand Commanders when they were introduced. He addressed the Grand Commandery with one of his inspiring messages, and at the evening session, open to all Master Masons, he made the principal address, all of which is printed in full and adds greatly to the value of the Proceedings.

Sir Knight Glenn B. Walker, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided at the conclave. From the biographical sketch we learn that he received his degrees in Lodge and Chapter, and the Orders in the Commandery in Michigan, demitting to the Bodies in Salt Lake City where he received the degrees of the Cryptic Rite. His birthplace was Sheldon, Indiana.

It is evident from the Proceedings that in receiving the Grand Master, the Grand Commander tendered his sword. We have seen this happen so often in Constituent Commanderies when receiving Grand Officers, that it seems proper to call attention to the fact that the sword is *not* the symbol of authority. The Grand Master very courteously called attention to this in his address.

The address of Grand Commander Walker is confined to local matters and indicates a busy year. He granted two Dispensations, both to receive and ballot upon petitions at a stated conclave. One Decision was rendered—that the business of the Commandery must be handled at a stated conclave.

We congratulate the Grand Commander on this outstanding feature of his administration—He says:

“Christmas Observance was 100% in the jurisdiction.”

We also note that all of the Constituent Commanderies observed Easter.

The hand of Death rested heavily upon the Grand Commandery of Utah, and we note the passing of two Past Grand Commanders: Sir Knight John S. Lewis, Grand Commander in 1914, and Sir Knight Ira H. Lewis, Grand Commander in 1925.

Several amendments to the Grand Commandery Statutes were adopted. The title was changed to read—“The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah.”

All financial officers, both Grand and Constituent, shall furnish Corporate Surety Bonds. This does not cover the Grand Treasurer, as they have a system of accounting for and depositing of all money by the Grand Recorder, the Grand Treasurer not coming in contact with the funds and accounts except in connection with this annual report at the end of the year. Why have a Grand Treasurer?

The report of the Deputy Grand Commander is an interesting document. He was appointed Chairman of a Special Committee on Constituent Commanderies and did some very constructive work. Here are his conclusions summed up—

“First, the proper presentation of the ideals of Templary can not be done in a slovenly manner. Work beautifully done thrills the heart and mind of the candidates and of the members.

“Second, do not lose sight of a man when he is knighted and signs the by-laws. Give him something to do, no matter how small.

“Third, the activities of the Commandery and of the Order should be given more favorable publicity with the membership.

“Fourth, the conclaves should be carefully and thoughtfully planned and include certain social activities as well as discussions of matters of present interest.

“Fifth, urge Knights Templar to remember that each and every Knight is a representative to the public of this great and noble Christian Order. If possible, exemplify and demonstrate Templar teachings and principles in your daily life.

“Sixth, Knights Templar should be well and favorably known in the Lodge and Chapter.”

Good advice for all jurisdictions.

The Educational Foundation shows the detail of fourteen loans from 91, 91A to 103 inclusive, amounting to \$1,270.00. Collections amounted to \$544.32 and interest \$102.93. Operating expense—\$187.50. We note from the report of Grand Recorder Dunlap that the Grand Commandery owes the Educational Foundation a balance of \$1,556.62.

As a fitting climax to this conclave, the Grand Master installed the Officers.

REVIEW

There is no review, but Grand Recorder Dunlap submits a statistical report covering all jurisdictions except Idaho and Nevada.

SIR KNIGHT ROSCOE E. BAILEY,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN M. DUNLAP,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Park City, date not given.

VERMONT

The Fratres of the Green Mountain State convened for the Ninety-seventh Annual Conclave at St. Johnsbury, June 5, 1939. The Proceedings open with a portrait of Sir Knight Alvi P. Calderwood, Right Eminent Grand Commander in full Templar uniform. We learn from the biographical sketch that he is not only a native son of Vermont, but was born in the city in which the conclave was held. He has a record for service in both the York and Scottish Rite.

The conclave convened with all Grand Officers, nine of the eighteen living Past Grand Commanders, and delegates from each of the fourteen Constituent Commanderies present. The Past Grand Commanders were duly received, and then Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, acting as Grand Warder, announced that Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was in waiting. An escort of Past Grand Commanders was formed and the Grand Master was duly received. Following this, distinguished guests were introduced from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine and Canada. A word of welcome was extended by Sir Knight Aloysius J. Beck, Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 5, and then Grand Commander Calderwood presented his address, which was a concise report of his activities during the year.

Two Schools of Instruction were held as a “try-out” and they promise to be very successful. The Grand Commander attended both and also was present at the Inspections of thirteen Commanderies. The report states

that one Commandery was not prepared for inspection. The death of Sir Knight Olin W. Daley, Grand Commander in 1914, is noted.

Four Dispensations were granted, two for the purpose of visiting St. Georges Commandery No. 37 at Schenectady, N. Y., and we are pleased to note that they were given permission to "enter"—not "invade."

Congratulations on Christmas Observance. We quote the following:

"I am pleased to report that every Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction observed Christmas with appropriate Templar Service on Christmas Day."

This is concrete evidence of the true Templar spirit in Vermont.

The Grand Commander was a good neighbor. He visited the Grand Conclaves of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maine. Commenting upon "Good of the Order" he sounds a note which should arouse the Templar spirit, and it is applicable to all jurisdictions:

"Although we will show a decline in membership this year, I am not discouraged. You must stop and realize that the older Sir Knights have been carrying the brunt of the burden on their shoulders for the past few years. They are to be congratulated. How much longer is this going to continue? It cannot go on forever. Sir Knights, you must take interest in yourselves, interest in your Commandery and in your Officers. You can compare Templar Masonry to business. Do you sit down and see it slipping day after day, and watch it go on the rocks? No! You dig in harder than ever with renewed interest to bring it back. Why cannot this interest be aroused in Templar Masonry today?"

Evidently the Grand Commander pays his own expenses on fraternal visits. He recommended three cents per mile allowance for such visits, but the Finance Committee turned thumbs down—they had troubles of their own. The income last year was \$2,376.71. The loss in membership of 128 this year will reduce the income next year to approximately \$2,100.00, and they adopted a budget of \$1,985.00.

The Grand Treasurer shows \$9,248.88 in the General Fund and \$5,000.00 in the Permanent Fund.

The Grand Inspector says he found some Rituals showing signs of wear and tear and soon will need replacement. That is a good sign. It indicates that the officers are using the Ritual for the purpose for which it was intended. We could put our hands on some Rituals that are just as new as when they left the print shop.

A short note states that they were privileged to listen to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Mark Norris, "who gave a very eloquent and eminently practical address."

The Educational Foundation reports sixteen loans amounting to \$2,750.00. No report appears on collections on loans. The total interest income, including \$22.00 on bad debt account, was \$1,162.30, and the

expense of operating was \$1,268.78. The latter amount includes \$477.38 uncollected notes and interest, evidently charged off.

Plans are being made for the Centennial Anniversary Conclave, which will be held in Rutland in 1942.

REVIEW

No review, but the Grand Recorder was authorized to purchase fifty copies of the Grand Encampment Review for distribution.

SIR KNIGHT ERNEST W. SAVAGE,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Newport, date to be selected.

VIRGINIA

The Frates of the Old Dominion held their One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Conclave in the City of Marion in the extreme Southern portion of the State, with the mountains of Tennessee for a background. Marion is a small city of 4,500 population, but the citizens opened their homes and their hearts and accommodations were not only sufficient, but delightfully pleasant. We were numbered among the guests and speak from experience.

The Grand Commandery convened with Sir Knight Farrar C. Verser, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presiding. All Grand Officers except the Deputy Grand Recorder, eleven Past Grand Commanders, including Sir Knight James H. Price, Governor of Virginia, who acted as Master of Ceremonies during the introduction of visitors, twenty-two Grand Representatives, and delegates from twenty-two of the thirty Constituent Commanderies.

It requires a page and a half of fine print to list the distinguished guests. They came from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Then came Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, and the personal representative of the Grand Master. Telegrams were sent to each of the five Past Grand Commanders who were unable to be present, and to the Deputy Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Commander covers thirty-five pages and includes the report of Necrology. He notes the passing of two Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Elmore D. Hotchkiss, Grand Commander in 1911, and Sir Knight George C. Scarborough, Grand Commander in 1930.

The Grand Commander was a very busy man. He made thirty-eight visitations in Virginia, visiting each Commandery, and some of them twice. He also attended the Annual Conclaves of New Jersey and the District of Columbia. Three Dispensations were granted and two refused, all of which were approved. Under Christmas Observance he says:

"Christmas Observance is a service of great inspirational power. The wonderful story of God's priceless gift to the world of a Saviour never loses its charm because of its message of gladness and joy. It should be an incentive to Knights Templar enlisted under the banner of the Blessed Emmanuel to constantly endeavor to emulate His example."

The heart of the Grand Commander must have rejoiced when he received the reports for twenty-eight of the thirty Constituent Commanderies held Christmas services, almost 100%. This fact goes far in explaining the healthy condition of Templary in the Old Dominion.

Three decisions were rendered, all in accordance with the Statutes, and they were approved by the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander called attention to the fact that as Templars our swords are pledged to the Christian Religion. We quote from this portion of his address:

"In Holy Writ we are told that man does not live by bread alone; and it has been wisely said that one cannot do a finer service to mankind than to give frequent emphasis to this truth. We cannot too soon learn that the saving power in civilization is not coal, or wheat, or wool, but elements more ideal. It was a purpose of the life of Jesus in his work on earth to furnish us an ideal and example. In His teachings He set forth the Kingdom of Heaven as a Kingdom into which we can enter now, adapting ourselves to the ways and ideals of that Kingdom, and living in all of our relationships on a plane higher than the ordinary motives and common courses of life—All Knights Templar are urged to follow the example of Him who came that we might have the 'more abundant life' in attendance at Divine services."

An unusual and important fact reported was that they had lived within their income, balanced the budget, having in the bank a credit cash balance at the close of the year in excess of that of the preceding year.

The report of the Educational Foundation Committee called attention to the fact that the demand for money was so great in Virginia in 1932 that a tenth assessment was collected, and that the fund is now some \$22,000.00 in excess of the required amount. Following the report of the committee a resolution was presented instructing the Secretary-Treasurer of the committee to return the extra assessment to the Constituent Commanderies. The resolution was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who reported favorably and it was adopted. The serious question is: Can money be taken from a Trust Fund by resolution?

Every Commandery in the State was visited by an Inspecting Officer and the separate reports are published in the Proceedings. Perhaps this

personal attention accounts for the fact that the net loss shown by the Grand Recorder (89) is the lowest for the past ten years.

They had a very efficient committee on weather. A severe thunder storm visited the city Thursday afternoon, but it came after the parade was disbanded and ceased before the banquet in the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church.

REVIEW

The review was written by the Junior Warden Sir Knight Thomas W. Hooper. In his foreword he says: "The great problem in the Grand Commanderies is the loss in membership, and then sounds a note of encouragement when he refers to Gideon's Band—"Not by might or power, but by my spirit saith the Lord God of Hosts." Thirty-eight jurisdictions are covered in twenty-seven pages.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM A. WOLFE,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT C. VERNON EDDY,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Alexandria, May 9, 1940.

WASHINGTON

The opening page gives us a portrait of Sir Knight Horatio N. Dryer, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform, and followed by an account of the religious service held on Sunday, May 7, at the First Presbyterian Church, of which Sir Knight and Rev. Mark A. Matthews is Pastor. Sir Knight Matthews has served the Grand Commandery of Washington as Grand Prelate for more than a quarter of a century. A short synopsis of his sermon is printed.

The Grand Commandery convened for the Fifty-second Annual Conclave in Seattle, Monday, May 8, 1939. The Report of the Credentials Committee shows all Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand Commanders, thirty-six Grand Representatives, and delegates from each of the twenty-seven Constituent Commanderies—one of the best records we have noted this year.

First in order was the reception of visitors, and Grand Recorder Stone reports it in poetic language. The presiding officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, both Knights Templar, and one a Past Grand Commander, were introduced, followed by representatives from Canada and Oregon. Then came, what the Grand Recorder calls the "climax of the conclave" the reception of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Mark Norris, with an escort of twelve Past Grand Commanders.

The Grand Commander calls his address a "Report" and this is exactly what it is. He outlines in careful detail his actions during a very busy year in the service of the Order. In reporting his correspondence with other jurisdictions, he refers to it as "Foreign." Just what there is "foreign" among members of the same family, we fail to understand, but the word has crept into our Templar vocabulary and it is difficult to eliminate it.

In these days of high finance, when we are informed that borrowing will increase our resources, placing the burden upon the shoulders of future generations, it is pleasing to read this excerpt from the Grand Commander's report:

"The finances of the Grand Commandery, as will be observed from the report to be made to you shortly by the Grand Treasurer, are in excellent condition. As I have repeatedly pointed out in my reports to the various Commanderies of the State, we are staying within our budget figures, and by careful anticipation of expenditures for the coming year we have been enabled to bring up our Reserve of Carry Over balance, consistently for the past five years."

Twenty-three of the twenty-seven Commanderies observed Christmas, and twenty-one observed Easter—a good record, just a little more effort would have made it 100%. The Grand Commander says:

"It is significant that the very Commanderies which fail to meet publicly and observe these outstanding Templar days, are inversely the ones which fail to stand inspection; the same ones which show a record of no creations throughout the year."

This situation is not peculiar to Washington. In writing reviews for the past seven years we have noted the same condition throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and repeatedly commented upon it. The Commandery which fails to note and observe the important days in the Christian calendar has lost the Templar spirit, and the condition is reflected in their reports.

In addition to his other duties the Grand Commander attended twenty Official Inspections, and is of the opinion that while they are producing good results, the system can be improved.

Seven Dispensations were granted, two refused, all was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. The Grand Commander is very optimistic upon the Condition of the Order. He says:

"We are at the end of the long downward path; with ranks culled to a cohesive, fighting force, with the timid, the fearful, and the indifferent weeded from our lines, with interested candidates arising on all sides; with a re-awakened interest evident everywhere, we face the future with confidence in ourselves and in our cause."

Here is the reason for his report upon conditions. He helped to create them. He visited every Commandery in the jurisdiction, traveled 9,180 miles. He lists a total of forty-two visits, and says it does not

include visits to Lodge and Chapter sessions. His presence at these meetings was undoubtedly an inspiration to the officers, and his year of intense activity and loyal devotion has raised the Standard of Templary in the State of Washington.

Grand Recorder Stone reports all returns from Constituent Commanderies received on time, all dues paid in full, and the net loss, 103, the smallest for the past eight years. A very healthy condition.

The Report on Necrology was presented by Sir Knight and Rev. Mark A. Matthews, and at its conclusion a resolution was unanimously adopted making Sir Knight Matthews an Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Washington with the title of Past Grand Commander. An honor well deserved.

The Educational Foundation reports increased activity due to the advertising carried on by the committee and the co-operation of the Grand Lodge. A total of forty-four loans were made. The amount is not given, but the Fund as administered is what was originally intended—A Revolving Fund.

The Most Eminent Grand Master was introduced and Grand Recorder Stone says they "were afforded the privilege of hearing a masterly address." The writer having had the opportunity of hearing the Grand Master upon several occasions is in a position to appreciate the truth of the above statement.

The social side was not neglected. There was a dinner for the Grand Master Sunday eve, and a dinner dance at the close of the first days session.

REVIEW

Grand Recorder Stone submits the review. He says it is a pleasant duty to read and report, but his space is so limited that he feels it might be better to omit the review entirely as he is not at all satisfied. Well, when we become thoroughly satisfied with our own work our usefulness is past. He covers forty jurisdictions and Canada, giving us in condensed form the high lights from each jurisdiction.

SIR KNIGHT RODERICK W. JONES,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT WESLEY C. STONE,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Everett, May 13, 1940.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Panhandle State convened at Elkins, Wednesday, May 17, 1939, with all Grand Officers, fifteen of the twenty living Past Grand

Commanders, including Sir Knight Lewis N. Tavenner who was Grand Commander in 1897—forty-two years ago, thirty-six Grand Representatives and representatives from each of the twenty-six Constituent Commanderies present.

West Virginia believes in furnishing advance information, and we find a picture in full Templar uniform, of the Grand Commander for next year, Sir Knight Ernest H. Bitner. From his biography it appears that he was born in 1884, is Doctor of Medicine, and served in the Medical Corps in the World War. His portrait indicates that he is also a Templar.

Without preliminaries the business session of the Conclave was convened at one o'clock, and the Grand Commander delivered his address. He notes the death of Sir Knight Robert C. Linsley, Grand Senior Warden, and after securing a ruling from Most Eminent Grand Master Norris, he advanced the Line Officers by appointment, and ordered six separate installations to legalize and confirm the appointments. Nine Dispensations were granted, five of which were to ballot on petitions.

Under "Courtesies Exchanged" he uses the word "invade." This word has a sinister meaning. Webster defines it "to enter with hostile intentions." The purpose of these visits were to further cement the fraternal spirit with visits of peace and good will. It is our opinion that the word "invade" has no place in our Templar vocabulary, and "permission to enter" is preferable.

A question of jurisdiction with Virginia was amicably settled in the true Templar spirit.

One Decision was rendered. Viz: That a candidate who has received the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in 1930 must present a new petition and be elected before the Order of the Temple could be conferred. This was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

In 1938 there was created the office of Inspector-General, and Sir Knight Thomas A. Gilmore, Eminent Commander of Huntington Commandery No. 9, was appointed. The State was divided into nine Districts and the Line Officers were assigned as Inspectors. Their reports show the value of the service and it is to be continued.

It would appear from the report of the Grand Treasurer that the Grand Commandery was joint owner of the bonds reported as assets, as they show a pro rata share. The cash balance on hand is \$442.00 more than last year, and the Finance Committee recommended a budget in keeping with their income which indicates a sound financial policy.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a marked improvement. Eighteen of the Constituent Commanderies had work, one Commandery knighted twenty-three candidates, with a total of 103 as against 66 last year, and the net loss is 118. Last year—145. Undoubtedly, much of this was due to the constructive work of the Inspectors who seem to have aroused the Templar spirit and put new life into dormant Commanderies.

Following the election of officers there is a short note in the Proceedings to the effect that Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, was introduced as the personal representative of the Grand Master and made a most pleasing and instructive address. Well, the previous week we had the pleasure of listening to his address in Virginia, and we know they are both pleasing and instructive. He was elected to Honorary Membership.

The Committee on Necrology presents memorials for Sir Knight Robert C. Linsley Grand Senior Warden, who died December 18, 1938, and Sir Knight J. Marshall Hawkins, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander who died May 11, 1939.

The Educational Foundation reports loans amounting to \$8,175.00, with repayments of \$8,238.47, and interest \$3,137.43. Sir Knight Harry C. Hoffman, Grand Commander in 1934, and now Secretary-Treasurer of the committee, deserves credit for the present condition of the Fund. He says:

"I firmly believe that most all of these old loans can be collected in time, if given constant and proper attention. During the year we collected payments on twenty-five very old loans on which no payments had been made; also collected one or more payments on fifty-three additional very old loans which had been inactive for the past four to eight years; also collected one or more payments on four old loans which had been charged off several years ago."

Work of this character carries out the thought in the mind of the Founder, a revolving fund, and here is the reason it is serving its purpose so well in West Virginia. The Secretary has devoted practically his whole time to the work. It is the personal touch that counts in the human equation.

The Inspector-General in the Addenda attached to his report, gives a very complete explanation on the use of Titles, which, by the way, is not observed in the set up of the Proceedings. He calls attention to the custom in some Commanderies of presenting the sword to the official visitor, and very properly says the sword is not the emblem of authority, and should never be surrendered voluntarily.

Christmas or Easter was observed by twenty-three of the twenty-six Commanderies. What a splendid record it would have been if the other three had complied with the request of the Grand Commander.

REVIEW

West Virginia is one of the Grand Encampment sisters presenting the individual review. It is written by Sir Knight Charles E. Carrigan, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and he very properly says "it is the individual touch of so many different writers that adds zest and interest to the review if it is worth anything." Well, his review is worth while. He covers forty-nine jurisdictions and selects the important items.

SIR KNIGHT ERNEST H. BITNER,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT HENRY F. SMITH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Charleston, May 19, 1940.

WISCONSIN

We find on the first page a portrait of Sir Knight Claude J. Hendricks, Right Eminent Grand Commander, in full Templar uniform, followed by a short biographical sketch from which we learn that he is a native son of Wisconsin, his ancestry dating back to 1845, also that it had its roots in Massachusetts, as he is a member of the Wisconsin branch of the Mayflower Society. He is a lawyer by profession, and has a record of service in both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies.

The Proceedings include short sketches of each of the living Past Grand Commanders, except George B. Wheeler, Grand Commander in 1910.

The Eighty-first Annual Conclave convened in the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Milwaukee, June 23, 1939. The report of the Committee on Credentials shows all Grand Officers, fifteen of the twenty living Past Grand Commanders, thirty-seven Grand Representatives, and delegates from forty-one of the forty-four Constituent Commanderies.

The visitors and distinguished guests included Sir Knight William L. Sharp, Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of Most Eminent Grand Master Mark Norris, Sir Knight Andrew D. Agnew, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, also a Past Grand Commander of Wisconsin, A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and delegations from Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota.

As evidence of the cordial relations existing in the co-ordinate branches of Masonry in Wisconsin, representatives of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Scottish Rite were present.

Before the regular business of the conclave was taken up, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 of Milwaukee, exemplified a full form opening of a Commandery. Five Schools of Instruction were held, and the Grand Commander reports that he was able to attend all of them. Officers were present from all but three Commanderies, which afforded personal contact.

In an effort to improve the method of instruction in the Manual of Ceremonies, the use of moving pictures was suggested by Sir Knight Bertram E. Brown, Grand Sword Bearer. He was assisted by Sir Knight Carl W. Faas, Past Grand Commander, and after infinite labor they

produced eight hundred feet of film. Three copies were made, and the Constituent Commanderies were notified. The demand was so great that they were obliged to put a time limit upon its use. The Grand Commander says that in some instances the Recorder did not bring the notice to the attention of the Commandery with the result that they did not know of the films until it was too late, and he has this to say about delinquent Recorders:

"The experience in the matter of notice relative to the film leads to the observation that the indifference of some Recorders to the duties of their office is one of the most discouraging things which confronts the Grand Commandery Officers."

We have commented repeatedly upon the duties of a Recorder. When he is alive to the needs of his Commandery; diligent in the discharge of the duties of his office in the interest of Templary, he is a valuable asset, but when he is negligent, careless or indifferent, he is a distinct liability and should be immediately removed, either by his Eminent Commander or by the Grand Commander.

Regarding Christmas and Easter, the Grand Commander says that many of the Commanderies complied with the order, as will appear by the detailed report compiled by the Eminent Grand Recorder. This shows thirty-two Commanderies participating, attendance—1,176—collection—\$323.06.

The Grand Commander was a busy Templar on Easter Sunday. He attended a joint service of the five Milwaukee Commanderies at 7 o'clock A. M., another joint service at Fond du Lac at 3 o'clock P. M., and a service at Sheboygan at 7:30 in the evening.

This modest report should furnish an inspiration to all Templars for a better observance of our Religious Festivals.

Two charters were surrendered, one under difficulties which are not settled, and which was referred to the incoming Grand Commander.

The question of a change in uniform has been discussed in many jurisdictions, and we quote this from the address of the Grand Commander:

"Reading the Proceedings of many of our sister jurisdictions and listening to the complaints of many of the Frateres in this jurisdiction, leads to the belief that some modification of our present uniform is desirable. The uniform cannot be dispensed with both because the regulations of the Grand Encampment require a uniform and because to do so would destroy one of the outstanding aspects of our Order. But something can be done to change the dislike of many of the Sir Knights to wearing the uniform. This is not due to any objections to a uniform as such. The attitude of men towards dress has undergone a marked change in the last few years. Comfort, as well as appearance is now sought. Formal dress for men has been changed very markedly. The army has changed from the old stiff and uncomfortable uniform to one of comfort and freedom of action. But to the Sir Knights there is a more

compelling reason for desiring a change. The uniform is not frequently worn by the larger number of the Knights. Many joined when young and the uniform no longer fits, through no fault of the uniform. A Sir Knight cannot reasonably be expected to buy a new uniform or take the old one to a tailor every time his figure changes. Another objection is the difficulty of getting into it, particularly when doing it only occasionally. Whatever the reason, or how insufficient it may be, we know that a large number of the Knights do not attend conclaves because of the uniform. The striking features of the present uniform is the Chapeau with its plumes, the sword and belt. These can be retained with the substitution of a cape or a mantle for the present coat. Such mantle will prevent the present great variety in appearance; can be quickly and easily changed; will be comfortable for any one; will always fit no matter how unkindly nature may treat the figure; can be worn by another with little or no change, and last but not least it will be much cheaper, and the appearance will be just as striking and military as at present. It is not proposed that this change be made at once or by every Sir Knight. It should be optional with both the present and future Sir Knights. Preserve if desired the present coat and equipment for the officers, especially in the conferring of the Orders, but for the others, use the mantle, and on public appearances put those wearing mantles and those wearing the present coats in different groups. A committee has been appointed to make an investigation of the feasibility, practicability, and cost of such a mantle, and the extent and manner of substituting it for the coat. Sir Knight Carl W. Faas, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander is chairman of the committee, the report of which will be later presented for your consideration.

"The amount of money invested in uniforms is simply staggering. During the life of this Grand Commandery there has been spent for uniforms at a conservative estimate \$1,000,000.00, probably one half of which has been very little used. With the loss in membership in Wisconsin in the past ten years through demit and suspension, \$300,000.00 worth of uniforms have been scrapped. Add to this the cost of the Orders, and the question naturally arises, why does a man neglect his investments in this manner?"

The committee report, which was adopted, recommends a black mantle or black frock coat, leaving the choice optional with the applicant, thus we have two distinct styles of uniform in the same Commandery. We quote this paragraph from the conclusion of the Grand Commander's address:

"This Order having for its symbols, the Cross and the flag of our Country, should stand firmly against any and every force, power or influence, which attacks what these symbols represent. All insidious propaganda against religion or democracy under the Constitution of the United States, no matter under what guise of righteousness or patriotism, should be resisted to the utmost."

Grand Recorder Fertig reports a net loss of 601. Five Commanderies show a gain in membership. The report of the Educational Foundation consists of the financial statement from which we learn that loans amounted to \$2,850.50, collections—\$10,595.56, interest—\$4,492.65, operating cost—\$2,787.88.

The Committee on Necrology presents a memorial for Sir Knight

William H. Webb, who served as Grand Commander in 1908, and died February 25, 1939.

The conclave closed with a banquet Saturday evening, June 24. Sir Knight William L. Sharp, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment delivered the address.

REVIEW

The Grand Encampment review by Sir Knight William H. Tester for 1938 is included in the Proceedings.

SIR KNIGHT ALBERT ELMGREEN,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN H. FERTIG,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Superior, June 28, 1940.

WYOMING

As we open the Proceedings we are greeted by the familiar portrait of our Grand Master, Mark Norris, followed by Grand Commander Clarence A. Brimmer, and, of course, both are in full Templar uniform.

The Grand Commander was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. After graduation from the Law Department of the University of Michigan he settled in Rawlins, Wyoming for the practice of law. He has been active in all the co-ordinate branches of Masonry and also in civic affairs.

The Annual Conclave convened in the Asylum of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, at Rawlins, July 10, 1939. The roll call shows all Grand Officers except the Grand Sword Bearer who sent regrets, thirteen of the twenty-two living Past Grand Commanders, headed by Sir Knight Jesse Converse who served as Grand Commander in 1909, twenty-three Grand Representatives and delegates from fourteen of the sixteen Constituent Commanderies.

It being announced that Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master, was in waiting, he was duly received with his staff, the latter consisting of Sir Knights William T. Albrecht, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Nebraska, Roscoe E. Bailey, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Utah, and Glenn B. Walker, Right Eminent Past Commander of Utah.

To the end that the memory of those who had served the Order as Grand Commanders and have passed to the Asylum above may be annually recalled to the Sir Knights present in Annual Grand Conclave, the Grand Commander called upon the Grand Recorder to read their names, the members present standing with bowed heads. Twenty-eight names were read by the Grand Recorder and flowers were placed upon the graves of

four Past Grand Commanders in Rawlins. A ceremony to be commended. "Lest we forget—Lest we forget."

The address of Grand Commander Brimmer is an optimistic report of fourteen pages. He ruled that it was proper for a Commandery to appear in full uniform at a De Molay function when their activities were limited to tactics and drill. The Jurisprudence Committee approved with a word of caution; that each case should be decided upon its merits. This is good law, but we should improve every opportunity to display the Templar uniform under proper conditions. Perhaps some of those De Molay boys caught the vision of Templary and some day may be proud to wear a uniform.

The report upon Christmas and Easter is interesting. Twelve Commanderies observed the former, and eleven the latter. The attendance is given in detail, and we note that the Commanderies which did not participate in the Observance were the Commanderies which were not represented at the Annual Conclave. We have commented repeatedly upon this situation. When a Commandery of Christian Soldiers so far forget their knightly vows that they neglect the important dates in the religious calendar, the results are inevitable.

The Grand Commander pays a tribute to the Committee on Educational Foundation. He says:

"This distinguished committee is conducting with outstanding success one of the greatest constructive movements ever inaugurated by the Grand Encampment. The perpetuity of a democratic and representative form of government in which liberty enjoys its highest development depends upon an educated and enlightened citizenship. The support being given to the cause of higher education by our great Order gives it an objective in keeping with its lofty character and beneficent mission. It is making a most valuable contribution to the advancement of learning, an essential to the continued progress of rising generations, and stability to our institutions of freedom."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the checking account of \$1,491.99, which is \$261.38 less than last year, with \$1,182.90 in savings account, an increase of \$29.01, representing the interest.

The Educational Foundation Committee presents a very complete report covering five and one half pages. We commend it to those who are in doubt as to the future of this great objective. Loans amounted to \$2,125.00, collections \$1,080.67, interest \$205.10, operating expenses \$118.55.

The Grand Recorder reports a net loss of thirty. This is a case when a net loss can be called a gain, as it is twenty-eight less than last year.

REVIEW

There is no review, but Grand Recorder Repath reports that Grand Encampment reviews were mailed to each Grand Officer and to the Recorder of each Constituent Commandery.

SIR KNIGHT CARL F. KNEISEL,
Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT RICHARD H. REPATH,
Eminent Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave, Sheridan, June 10, 1940.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

As we write the above title we doff our chapeau to those valiant Knights who in far flung lands are bearing aloft the Standard of our Order. They are Templar Heroes, and their spirit should be an inspiration to us in the Homeland.

HONOLULU COMMANDERY No. 1

Honolulu, T. H., U. S. A.

The report for the year ending December 31, 1938, was received promptly March 1, 1939.

It is confined to the statistical and financial figures from which we learn that they held eleven stated and one special conclave at which the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta and Order of the Temple were conferred upon two candidates, one by courtesy, one affiliation, making a gain of two. During the year they lost by demit, two; suspension, one; death, four. Total—seven. Net loss—five. Present membership—152.

Easter was observed, but attendance record is not given. It would seem that in this outlying possession of the United States it would be of a marked benefit to the Commandery if a program of Christmas observance was arranged. Perhaps they had one, but it is not referred to in the report.

The average attendance at conclaves was nineteen. This is much better than the record of many Commanderies in the Homeland.

The report of the Treasurer shows income of \$1,113.41. Operating expense—\$1,597.80, or an expenditure of \$484.39 over and above income, which was drawn from invested funds. The total assets as of December 31, 1938, was \$4,114.72.

The report of the Educational Foundation as made by the Treasurer does not show any loans for the year, but reports five outstanding loans

amounting to \$1,021.50. One loanee made a payment of \$12.07 on account and interest of \$7.93. Savings Bank interest amounted to \$24.89. Total receipts for the year \$44.89. Cash in bank as of December 31, 1938—\$1,278.81.

Membership—152.

SIR KNIGHT ALFRED NELSON MULLIN, Commander
P. O. Box 94, Honolulu.

SIR KNIGHT HERBERT DUNSHEE, Recorder
Masonic Temple, 1227 Makiki Street, Honolulu.

ALASKA COMMANDERY No. 1

Fairbanks, Alaska

We have no direct information from this far North member of the Grand Encampment. Under date of November 3, 1939, Grand Recorder Hamersly submitted a letter from Sir Knight Frank R. Clark, Recorder, dated at Fairbanks, Alaska, October 24, 1939. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Sir Knight Hamersly: Enclosed is the report for the years 1938 and 1939 together with draft for \$71.40 for the two years Grand Encampment Dues and Grand Encampment Triennial Expense Fund. I am truly sorry that I have been so negligent in making these returns, but things in the way of Knight Templarhood with us here are so discouraging that all interest seems to be at a standstill. The handful of Knights that are left here are going to make another try this coming winter and see if we cannot by some hook or crook create a little more interest, and if we find that it is useless we will have to ask that our Charter be revoked. I have repeatedly told the few Sir Knights, 'What's the use?' If you cannot put into the Order as much as you get out of it, the structure is out of balance and will soon fall. And that is just what is happening. I am making a personal canvass now among the few members that are left as to their wishes, and am certain that this coming winter will tell the tale whether we disband or not. Sorry that I have to make this kind of a report."

Recorder Clark expresses a great truth when he says—"You must put something into the Order before you can get anything out." This is a fixed law in all walks of life. It governs business, civil, religious and fraternal organizations. There is no royal road to success. Reward comes from service rendered.

We trust the personal canvass to be made this winter by Recorder Clark may awaken the Templar spirit to the fact that strength is not measured by numbers. Gideon, with his little band of three hundred secured liberty and freedom for his people because their hearts were filled with courage. We trust these Sir Knights, animated by the spirit of the ancient

Crusader, may continue to bear aloft the Banner of the Cross in this outpost of the Grand Encampment.

Membership—34.

SIR KNIGHT MARTIN KNUPPE,
Fairbanks, Commander.

SIR KNIGHT FRANK R. CLARK,
Fairbanks, Recorder.

ANCHORAGE COMMANDERY No. 2

Anchorage, Alaska

Cheering news comes from this Commandery. The membership at the beginning of the year was seventeen, and closed with a total membership of twenty-five, a gain of eight. During the year they knighted twelve candidates, admitted one, and lost five. We quote a letter from the Recorder addressed to Adrian Hamersly under date of September 1, 1939:

My Dear Grand Recorder:

Enclosed herewith please find the returns for this Commandery, and I am sorry that I could not have sent same at an earlier date, but vacation and the usual multitude of things that seem to encroach upon one's spare time, prohibited my completing these data. However, I trust that the report is not too late.

We have been enjoying a most busy spring and our officers are deserving of the highest praise. Considering that we have been dormant, or rather I should say "petition-less" for more than eight years, during which time the study of the Ritual naturally declined, and then to suddenly arouse sufficient interest to receive six petitions and promise of several more, put our Commander in a flurry, but everything came off in beautiful style. It was very, VERY difficult to recall all the work, however, with the aid of Past Eminent Commander Longacre and myself, the Commander memorized the entire Red Cross and Temple degree in the short period of two months, so when we accepted the petitions, the work went forward without a hitch. All libations, including the "Ode to the Skull" were given, and very impressively. As an aid to the future officers, the Captain General and Senior Warden each conferred the Order of Malta in Short Form, one candidate each, and the C. G., also put the I. O. R. C., on one candidate.

Just as we looked for a prosperous future, the conflagration in Europe bursts and now I surmise a great set back. We all hope for a speedy end and the entire eradication of dictators.

The new Frateres are interested Masonic workers, and the officers for the coming year will do all in their power to continue the good work. We have passed through a tough period, but our hope and courage never faltered, and the results from our Faith bear fruit.

Most courteously yours,

(Signed) JOHN PARSONS, Past Em. Commander,
Treasurer-Recorder.

This message from the frozen North inspires us with renewed courage. May we, in this the most favored land in all the earth, catch the vision of our Fratres in Alaska and emulate their example.

Membership—25.

SIR KNIGHT MAURICE LEWIS SHARP,
Anchorage, Commander.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN PARSONS,
Anchorage, P. C., Recorder.

CANAL ZONE COMMANDERY No. 1

Ancon, Canal Zone

It is evident from the report of Sir Knight Louis A. Stilson, Recorder, that local conditions interfere seriously with the growth and prosperity of this Commandery. We quote a paragraph from a letter of the Recorder to Adrian Hamersly under date of July 13, 1939:

"Our residence here is only temporary and we are looking forward to retirement, and to most of us it is not far off. Quite a few of our members have already retired. When we return to the States our immediate expenses are very heavy, and with the loss of interest on account of being so far away, we let our duties slide, so that in a few years the arrearages are so much that we are unable to pay and suspension follows."

The field of prospective candidates is limited and consists principally of members of the Army and Navy personnel who may be located temporarily in the Canal Zone where the tour of duty is two years. The uniform is also a serious question, as the uniform of the Tropics could not be worn in the Northern Commandery with which the Sir Knight might wish to affiliate at the close of his tour of duty in the Canal Zone. In the face of these difficulties they show a membership of 229 and their fees and dues to the Grand Encampment amounting to \$237.10, have been paid.

The membership report is as follows:

On Roll Call last report—(June, 1938).....	238
Knights created	2
Reinstated	4
Total Gain	6
Demitted	5
Suspended	10
Total Loss	15
Net Loss	9
Membership—June, 1939	229
Membership—229.	

SIR KNIGHT GEORGE HARRISON BUEHLER, Commander,
Box 321, Balboa Heights.

SIR KNIGHT LOUIS A. STILSON, Recorder,
Box 172, Balboa Heights.

FAR EAST COMMANDERY No. 1

Manila, P. I.

The only information to reach the reviewer comes from the office of Grand Recorder Hamersly. Early in the year there were signs of increased activity in this Commandery, and the news was of sufficient importance to justify a Bulletin issued from the office of the Grand Recorder under date of June 9, 1939:

"News of interest and worthy of praise comes from Sir Knight G. B. Obear, Recorder of Far East Commandery No. 1, K. T. P. O. Box 698, Manila, Philippine Islands—seven thousand miles from the mainland—as follows:

"We have had considerable activity in our Commandery so far this year. On the 17th and 18th of March we put through twelve candidates. All twelve were given the Order of the Temple on Saturday afternoon and early evening, March 18. The Commander gave all twelve of the 5-L. That evening we had a splendid banquet at the Army and Navy Club. We have a splendid Commander this year (Sir Knight H. T. Gewald, P. O. Box 697, Manila, P. I.) one who being a business man is full of energy as well as being comparatively young. The class itself was of excellent quality. The Commander is planning on getting twelve more before the year is out. The "Banner Year" which you wished us is seemingly coming true. If we carry out the program the banner quality will extend throughout the year. Our present class of twelve is the largest one since I became a member—and I think for some years previous to that."

This was followed by a further communication in December, 1939 from Sir Knight George B. Obear, Recorder. He says:

"Well, I guess we came somewhere near your "Banner Year" this year. We have twenty-four signed petitions and elections and three dual memberships."

In the face of this report it is difficult to understand the usual alibi of Commanders and officers of Constituent Commanderies scattered throughout our entire jurisdiction and under much more favorable conditions who say that they are unable to interest a single candidate.

"Where there's a will—there's a way."

FLASH!! At the last moment, through the courtesy of Grand Master Norris, I am in receipt of a booklet issued in very attractive form by this Commandery. It contains an inspiring message from Eminent Commander Gewald, and the membership report from which we quote:

Membership—January 1, 1939	215
Demits	2
Deaths	4
Suspended	5
	11
	204
Knighted	20
Affiliated	3
	23
	227

Showing a net gain of twelve.

Membership—227.

SIR KNIGHT HAROLD T. GEWALD, Commander,
P. O. Box 697, Manila.

SIR KNIGHT G. B. OBEAR, P. C. Recorder,
P. O. Box 698, Manila.

PORTO RICO COMMANDERY No. 10

San Juan, Porto Rico

The statistical report furnished by Recorder Whall in neatly printed form shows eleven regular conclaves during 1938, and the financial statement shows total assets of \$3,299.33, an increase of \$75.56 over 1937.

Membership report as follows:

Members as of January 1, 1938	53
Knights created	4
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	57
Loss by death	1
Knights demitted	1
Knights suspended	3
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	5
Members as of January 1, 1939	<hr/>
	52

A study of the roster brings to light some interesting facts. Of the fifty-two members only twenty-one are located in San Juan, sixteen on the Island of Porto Rico, and the other fifteen scattered to the four winds of Heaven. Two in New York, and one each in the following: Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Kentucky, Quebec, Argentina, Chicago, Ohio, Baltimore, Colorado, British Guiana, Cuba, Pasadena and Boston. Sir Knight George Lincoln Dodd, Past Commander of Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26, Boston, Massachusetts, is an Honorary Life Member. The roster also shows three Life Members, two living in Porto Rico and one in California.

The charter for Porto Rico No. 1 was granted July 23, 1914. Sir Knight Nathaniel Adams Wolcott was the first Eminent Commander, serving in 1914, 1915 and 1916. Including Past Commander Wolcott they report eighteen living Past Commanders.

We extend congratulations to Porto Rico No. 1, and our personal thanks to Recorder Whall for the booklet.

Stated conclaves third Tuesday in each month.

Membership—52.

SIR KNIGHT HERBERT A. MARTIN, Commander,
Box 364, San Juan.

SIR KNIGHT CLIFFORD S. WHALL, P. C. Recorder,
Box 1530, San Juan.

TAMPICO COMMANDERY No. 1

Tampico, Mexico

This Commandery was chartered August 8, 1921, and will be nineteen years old this year. They are located in the oil fields of Mexico and local conditions have presented difficulties during the past few years. Notwithstanding this, these valiant Templars carry on with the courage of the ancient Crusader. Here is a quotation from a letter from Sir Knight F. J. Bonner, Recorder, dated December 26, 1939:

"It might be of interest to know that out of 114 members we only have a possible thirty-one that could attend meetings, the balance being scattered throughout the entire world, *but all faithful to the cause and this Commandery.*"

What a splendid statement of loyalty and service. All honor to the Knights of the Temple who are true to their ideals in a foreign land.

Bonner further says:

"We hold regular meetings and do a considerable lot of good work."

They report a net loss of one. Present membership 114. Recorder Bonner is also Secretary of Tampico Lodge No. 10, F. & A. M.

Membership—114.

SIR KNIGHT P. V. FORD, Commander,
Apartado No. 765, Tampico.

SIR KNIGHT F. J. BONNER, Recorder,
Apartado No. 493, Tampico.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 2

Mexico City, Mexico

The report for Ivanhoe No. 2 comes from Sir Knight F. T. Berger, Recorder, who is also Secretary of Toltec Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., and the editor of the York Rite Trestle Board. He quotes a portion of the address of Sir Knight Francis G. Fumpston, Eminent Commander, who was re-elected for 1940.

"During the year 1939 we have had seventeen meetings of which ten were Stated and seven special. We have never failed to have a quorum and no single meeting has been deferred. We have conferred the Knight Templar degree on twelve candidates which is a record for Ivanhoe Commandery. I am delighted with the great help I have received from

all my Officers who have been most faithful in attendance, and their work performed in a most capable manner has been highly praised by visitors to our Commandery. Our last report showed a membership of eighty-one Sir Knights, of which at least 45% are no longer in the country, but so far, probably in the hope of returning to Mexico, have not relinquished their membership. This is a pleasing feature, as owing to the terrible rate of exchange we lose almost 40% of our total income in remitting dues to the General Grand Encampment. With this heavy drain on our resources the outlook for the future is not at all clear, as we have exhausted all means of obtaining other candidates, and if only a few members drop out we shall be faced with a grave problem of how to make both ends meet. However, we hope relief will come from some quarter, and that by such we may continue to keep Ivanhoe Commandery free from the fear of having to surrender its charter. It has also been my privilege this evening to receive Past Eminent Commander Sir Knight William Wiseman on his official visit as the personal representative of our Grand Master, Mark Norris."

The record of meetings, attendance and candidates is worthy of commendation. They created more Knights Templar than several Grand Jurisdictions working under much more favorable conditions. Let us hope the coming year will show an improvement in the financial condition.

A letter from Recorder Berger dated December 19, 1939, reports the death of Sir Knight William Wiseman, one of the active workers in all of the Masonic bodies. He was the personal representative of the Grand Master and on December 8 made his official visit to Ivanhoe No. 2. Within half an hour he was stricken and never recovered consciousness until he passed away on the 15th.

Faithful unto death! He made his official visit, but the report must be made by those who carry on.

Just as we were about to close the review comes a letter from Sir Knight Fumpston dated January 5, 1940, announcing the fact that he was re-elected Eminent Commander, and has in mind approximately eight candidates for the coming year. He was also elected Illustrious Master of Mexico Council No. 2, R. & S. M. We extend congratulations and wish we had more Fumpston's in Masonry.

Membership—81.

SIR KNIGHT FRANCIS G. FUMPSTON, E. Commander,
Apartado No. 2912, Mexico City.

SIR KNIGHT F. T. BERGER, Recorder,
Apartado No. 1659, Mexico City.

HAVANA COMMANDERY No. 1

Havana, Cuba

This Commandery reported a gain of three last year due to the fact that they knighted three candidates and had no loss by demit, death or suspension, a most unusual record. This year the picture is different. The Recorder, Sir Knight H. L. Chemidlin, reports as follows:

Membership July 1, 1939	108
Demitted	3
Suspended	8
Present membership	97

The suspensions were evidently a belated attempt at house cleaning, as the report shows the suspended members owing from six to nine years' dues.

Undoubtedly a large percentage of the members are not residents of Havana which would account for the extreme limit of credit, but we are of the opinion that an extension beyond the three year period is not in the best interests of the Commandery.

Membership—97.

SIR KNIGHT HERBERT R. GUEST, Commander,
Apartado No. 1329, Havana.

SIR KNIGHT H. L. CHEMIDLIN, Acting Recorder,
Apartado No. 585, Havana.

SHANGHAI COMMANDERY No. 1

Shanghai, China

After many years of waiting the dream of the Fratres in Shanghai is about to be realized. Following a visit of Grand Master Andrew D. Agnew in December, 1936, a Dispensation was granted January 22, 1937. Work was commenced under the Dispensation and on June 1, 1937, a petition bearing eighteen signatures was presented to the Grand Encampment asking for a Charter. The petition was submitted to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters at the Fortieth Triennial Conclave at Miami, Florida, June 20, 1937. The Committee, finding that the returns from Shanghai Commandery, U. D., were in proper form and in conformity to Templar Law, recommended that the Charter be granted, and the report was adopted. Disturbed conditions in China due to the undeclared war with Japan, has delayed the issue of the Charter until December 14, 1939, when Grand Master Norris mailed the Charter for Shanghai Commandery No. 1 to Eminent Knight Herbert Edgar Middleton, M. B. E., a member of Shanghai Preceptory under the jurisdiction of the Great Priory of England and Wales, and appointed Eminent Knight Middleton as proxy to deliver to Shanghai Commandery No. 1, its Charter, and to constitute said Commandery and install the officers. We presume the instructions will be carried out in due form, and that before this appears in print, Shanghai Commandery No. 1 will have started upon the first year of its existence.

There can be no question as to the loyalty and enthusiasm of the Sir Knights in Shanghai, and unless war seriously interferes with their

work they should make satisfactory progress. From the report of Past Grand Master Agnew at Miami in 1937 we learn that Shanghai is the sixth largest city in the world with an estimated population of 3,350,000 in 1934. They had seventeen Blue Lodges and four Chapters, also Scottish Rite Bodies. With this Masonic background and the constructive work of Sir Knight K. A. Persen, this healthy infant should develop rapidly.

Membership—27.

J. JOHN MOKREJS, Commander,
c/o China General Edison Co., 140 Robison Rd., Shanghai.

GEORGE DAVID BEATY, Recorder,
c/o The Texas Company, 12 The Bund, Shanghai.

ST. JOHNS COMMANDERY No. 1

Wilmington, Delaware

Now after a Templar cruise to the four quarters of the earth we come back to the mainland and turn our attention to the oldest sister in the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment. Chartered September 18, 1868, now entering the seventy-second year of its service to the Order, and still the only Commandery in the Diamond State.

The veteran Recorder, Sir Knight Charles McIntire, has been ill for almost a year, and the work has been carried on by Sir Knight Marshall M. Carpenter, Assistant Recorder. In a letter dated December 9 he reports a membership on December 31, 1938, of 518.

The record to December 9, 1939:

Membership on December 31, 1938	518
Died	27
Demitted	3
Suspended	6
	— 36

Membership December 9, 1939 482

These figures will undoubtedly change before the end of the fiscal year as they report about seventy-five delinquents and estimate that they will lose about fifty per cent.

Delaware was once a part of Pennsylvania and the old ties seem to hold. St. Johns No. 1 has maintained close fraternal relations with the Fratres in Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Commandery notice for November, 1939, calls attention to an invitation from Division No. 5, K. T., of Pennsylvania to attend the Division Conclave at West Chester, Pennsylvania on November 20.

Christmas is observed each year with an attendance of about two hundred. A Church Service marks Ascension Day.

Membership—482.

SIR KNIGHT RAYMOND T. GIBNEY, Commander,
2606 Washington St., Wilmington.

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES MCINTIRE, P. C. Recorder,
P. O. Box 254, Wilmington.

CANADA

The Fifty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was held in the City of Stratford, Province of Ontario, August 8 and 9, 1939. Most Eminent Knight R. V. Harris, K. C. Supreme Grand Master. The "Foreword" states that it was one of the largest gatherings of Knights Templar in the history of the Great Priory.

Among the distinguished visitors we note Sir Knight Mark Norris, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Sir Knight W. Ray Converse, Right Eminent Grand Commander of New York, and Sir Knight Edward A. Glad, Eminent Grand Recorder of Illinois.

Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions were:

England.....M. Em. Kt. George B. McLeod
Scotland.....M. Em. Kt. Horace A. Porter
Ireland.....M. Em. Kt. A. B. Barr

The address of Grand Master Harris is a dignified document covering twenty-three pages, and gives evidence of his intense interest in the Order. In opening he pays tribute to Their Majesties, the King and Queen upon their visit to the Dominion. They were justly proud of the fact that the King had accepted the rank of Past Grand Master of the Order in England.

The Grand Master says: "It has not been my good fortune to visit all of the Preceptories in Canada" and then he lists a total of nineteen made during the Templar year. The Dominion of Canada is a vast territory reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from our boundary line to the Arctic Circle, and the Grand Master needs not to make an apology. During the year he sent a personal letter to each new member of the Order, and is convinced that it was a worth while venture.

The Dominion is divided into fourteen Districts, each presided over by a Provincial Prior, who renders a report showing the condition of each Preceptory in his jurisdiction. The reports cover fifty-eight pages, and furnish valuable information for the Grand offices. The restoration privilege upon payment of a sum not less than one dollar, was extended for another two years.

The report of the Committee on Conditions of the Order is very optimistic. They pay a tribute to the good Registrar, corresponding to our Recorder:

"There are many of these who give unselfish and intelligent service year after year, often without any pecuniary reward. A strong Preceptory always has an efficient Registrar, and he is in many respects the most important officer on the roll."

The report closes with this inspiring paragraph:

"On the whole it would appear that Templarism in Canada is once more increasing in enthusiasm and influence. The inroads made by the recent depression will soon be eradicated, and we are on the high road to success."

The death of Most Eminent Knight C. W. Haentschel, Grand Master in 1933-34, is recorded.

A special committee on Great Priory finances made an extended report suggesting a number of changes in the statutes of which the following were adopted. One covering Life Membership, and one relative to the method of computing mileage. Two classes of honors were proposed by Most Eminent Knight Horace A. Porter, and adopted. They will be known as Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple, and Knight Commander of the Temple, to be conferred only on members of the Order of the Temple who may render distinctive, noteworthy, or meritorious service to Freemasonry, history, ritual or organization. The number shall not exceed six Knights of the Grand Cross, or twenty-one Knights Commander of the Temple, at any time.

We note from the Proceedings that Most Eminent Knight Mark Norris, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, addressed the members, and in eloquent terms expressed his appreciation.

REVIEW

The review is by Most Eminent Knight R. V. Harris, who was also Supreme Grand Master. He writes in topical form touching world conditions, Grand Encampment at Miami, Educational Foundation, History, Mission and Outlook, followed by an abbreviated reference to Grand Jurisdictions in the United States.

Next place of meeting left in the hands of the incoming Grand Master.

M. EM. KT. F. DAVEY DIAMOND,
Supreme Grand Master.

M. EM. KT. W. W. WILLIAMSON,
Grand Chancellor.

ENGLAND AND WALES

The complete title of this Grand Jurisdiction is The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and the Dependencies Thereof.

The Proceedings is called a Calendar and consists of 313 pages of which 265 is given up to lists of names.

The Session is called a Chapter of the Great Priory and meets semi-annually in May and December in Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

The first Session was held Friday, May 13, 1938. The Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Harewood on the Throne. Then follows a long list of Grand Officers and representatives from the various Preceptories. The Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master was received under the Arch of Steel.

Under "Foreign Relations" we find the following:

"The Council has satisfaction in reporting that the most harmonious relations continue to exist between the Governing Bodies of the Holy House of the Temple throughout the entire World."

Warrants were granted to two new Preceptories. One in New Zealand, and one in Kent and Surrey.

A list of appointments was announced followed by the conferring of honors upon several distinguished Brother Knights who paid homage to the Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master.

Very Eminent Knight Brigadier-General W. H. V. Darell was elected Grand Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Philip Colville Smith who had served for twelve years.

The Earl of Harewood announced that he had been re-appointed as Pro Grand Master, and he was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. The alms collected amounted to sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence.

At the Session held December 9, the Duke of Connaught who had served as Grand Master for thirty-two years, asked to be released from further duties. We quote his letter:

Bagshot Park, Surrey,
19th November, 1938.

"Brother Knights,

"You have done me the honour of electing me your Grand Master for thirty-two years in succession, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity of serving the Great Priory of England in this office for so long a period. It is with great regret that I now feel obliged to ask you to look to a younger man to undertake these duties from the end of the current year in May next.

Of the many and varied interests which have occupied me during a long life, I look back upon none with greater affection and satisfaction than my association with Freemasonry, and for the remainder of my days I shall watch its progress with unabated interest. The encouragement which I have received from all my Brethren since my Installation in 1877, and the support which has been so abundantly given to me during my Grand Mastership have created in my breast an undying love of the Order and of the principles which it teaches.

I am confident that you will choose as my successor a Brother who will carry on with energy the work which I have tried to do, and in bringing to a close my tenure of the office of Grand Master, I pray the Almighty God that the high standing of Freemasonry will be maintained and its prosperity increased under his leadership.

Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master expressed the sorrow and regret of the Chapter, and the Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal announced that at the next meeting of the Great Priory he would propose the Right Honorable, the Earl of Harewood, as Grand Master.

The Proceedings are marked with a solemnity and a dignity in keeping with the high character of the officers and the ideals of the Order. The Great Priory closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

MAJOR SIR THOMAS LUMLEY-SMITH, D. S. O.,
Great Vice-Chancellor, Mark Mason's Hall,
Great Queen Street, London (W. C.), England.

STATISTICAL REPORT AS SHOWN BY THE PROCEEDINGS FOR 1939

	Members 1938	Knighted	Affiliated & Restored	Died	Dem.	D.N.P.D.	Expelled	Members 1939	Gain	Loss	Per cent of Knights to Members
Alabama	2,482	31	174	77	18	208	..	2,384	..	98	.0125
Arizona	480	16	10	15	11	19	..	461	..	19	.033
Arkansas	1,313	57	24	29	29	96	..	1,240	..	73	.042
California	10,457	301	105	263	146	214	..	10,240	..	217	.028
Colorado	3,259	58	16	103	31	63	..	3,136	..	123	.017
Connecticut	4,468	39	9	133	47	90	..	4,246	..	222	.0087
District of Columbia	2,164	28	16	50	29	71	..	2,058	..	106	.013
Florida	2,187	34	52	55	19	141	..	2,058	..	129	.0155
Georgia	2,691	79	87	55	31	155	..	2,616	..	75	.029
Idaho	1,039	33	13	16	7	30	..	1,032	..	7	.031
Illinois	19,811	237	126	497	354	1,133	..	18,190	..	1,621	.012
Indiana	8,365	185	59	216	135	184	..	8,074	..	291	.022
Iowa	6,399	139	84	163	153	165	..	6,141	..	258	.0217
Kansas	7,471	114	120	161	65	307	..	7,170	..	301	.015
Kentucky	4,039	107	78	104	47	216	..	3,856	..	183	.026
Louisiana	1,238	21	22	31	13	55	..	1,182	..	56	.017
Maine	5,950	73	25	155	136	166	..	5,590	..	360	.012
Maryland	3,376	66	10	69	37	76	..	3,270	..	106	.019
Mass. & R. I.	16,231	107	31	469	313	398	..	15,187	..	1,044	.0066
Michigan	9,665	141	65	284	128	207	..	9,252	..	413	.014
Minnesota	5,589	114	28	123	76	102	..	5,430	..	159	.02
Mississippi	1,570	56	81	32	16	114	..	1,545	..	25	.035
Missouri	7,942	111	166	213	163	280	..	7,561	..	381	.019
Montana	1,656	27	14	46	18	29	..	1,604	..	52	.0163
Nebraska	2,526	32	22	68	34	58	..	2,420	..	106	.0126
Nevada	300	3	12	8	3	8	..	296	..	4	.01
New Hampshire	1,949	17	2	62	40	32	..	1,834	..	115	.009
New Jersey	4,402	48	21	136	97	187	..	4,051	..	351	.0109
New Mexico	999	62	13	57	13	57	..	993	..	6	.006
New York	19,230	146	80	533	264	532	..	18,127	..	1,103	.0076
North Carolina	2,369	41	53	48	42	132	..	2,241	..	128	.0173
North Dakota	1,262	31	31	32	20	52	..	1,220	..	42	.0245

STATISTICAL REPORT AS SHOWN BY THE PROCEEDINGS FOR 1939—(Continued)

	Members 1938	Members 1939	Expelled	D.N.P.D.	Dem.	Died	Affiliated & Restored	Knights	Gain	Loss	Per cent of Knights to Members
Ohio	20,912	19,811	..	750	292	555	137	359	..	1,101	.017
Oklahoma	3,755	3,636	..	175	70	81	119	88	..	119	.0234
Oregon	2,357	2,376	..	46	17	67	49	100	19	..	.0424
Pennsylvania	27,057	25,781	..	713	208	707	75	277	..	1,276	.0102
South Carolina	1,092	960	..	115	23	20	16	10	..	132	.01
South Dakota	1,833	1,728	..	68	39	47	22	27	..	105	.015
Tennessee	2,252	2,142	..	97	41	47	26	49	..	110	.0217
Texas	9,396	9,205	1	325	142	185	246	216	..	191	.023
Utah	831	828	..	14	9	15	4	31	..	3	.037
Vermont	2,302	2,174	..	43	51	65	6	25	..	128	.0108
Virginia	4,333	4,244	..	90	48	84	38	95	..	89	.0219
Washington	3,411	3,308	..	87	38	77	24	75	..	103	.022
West Virginia	4,465	4,347	1	133	32	98	43	103	..	118	.023
Wisconsin	7,761	7,160	..	250	311	180	55	85	..	601	.0109
Wyoming	1,117	1,087	..	19	14	21	5	19	..	30	.017
	256,753	244,492	10	8,502	3,870	6,506	2,514	4,113	19	12,280	

SUMMARY

Membership—1938	256,753
Knights	6,627
Affiliated and Restored	263,380
Died	18,888
Demitted	244,492
Suspended	
Expelled	
Present membership	

Note: These figures are taken from the Proceedings as shown by each Grand Jurisdiction in their reports for the calendar year 1938, and should not be confused with the reports issued by the Grand Encampment as of July 1st of each year.

Knights Templar Educational Foundation

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1938

G. E. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1937 AND 1938

ASSETS	Dec. 31, 1937	Dec. 31, 1938
<i>Cash on hand</i>		
Cash in the banks of 55 Divisions available to make Educational loans	\$ 526,507.25	\$ 362,943.27
<i>Student Loans Outstanding</i>		
Face value of notes of boys and girls who have been, or are, in college all over the U. S. A. (including loans assigned to Trustees for collection). Subject to shrinkage as yet undetermined	2,462,716.67	2,467,261.83
<i>Investments</i>		
Representing unloaned money temporarily invested in bonds of various types and saving-bank deposits, all drawing low rate of interest, but safe and quickly available if needed for loans	1,385,885.39	1,606,631.51
<i>Cash in Closed Banks</i>		
A relic of the depression and probably not 100% good	28,554.02	24,694.10
<i>Due from Grand Commandery Assessments and Grand Commanderies</i>		
A few Divisions are still collecting the \$1 per capita for the years 1924-1932 inclusive. Conferences have established the correct figure for some Fund items in dispute heretofore	14,259.50	25,112.67
<i>Fellowships</i>		
A grant made by Tennessee Division as the Perry W. Weidner Fellowship. Later legislation may lift this into another classification	3,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous Assets</i>		
Like furniture and fixtures, cash in transit, deferred charges, etc.	29,322.20	12,880.48
	<u>\$4,450,245.03</u>	<u>\$4,502,523.86</u>
LIABILITIES—Known deductions from above listed assets	1937	1938
<i>Student Loan Commitments</i>		
Loans agreed to, but cash not yet needed and disbursed	\$7,994.19	\$16,771.67
<i>Trustee Funds</i>		
Money placed with the Foundation by other Masonic bodies for loaning purposes	8,177.00	8,177.00
<i>Accounts Payable</i>	812.00	1,700.00
	<u>16,983.19</u>	<u>26,648.67</u>
ACTUAL BOOK ASSETS, subject to operating shrinkages, yet to be determined	\$4,433,261.84	\$4,475,875.19
REQUIRED CAPITAL	3,583,224.00	3,583,224.00
TENTATIVE SURPLUS	\$ 850,037.84	\$ 892,651.19
The reports carry a deferred asset totaling \$252,920.46 in 1937 and \$308,073.97 in 1938, as accrued but uncollected interest on Student Loans.		
Operating cost in 1937 was \$80,240.18; in 1938 it was \$81,740.68.		
Charge-offs in 1937 were \$10,606.21; in 1938 they were \$19,114.22.		

TABLE I
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OPERATING
STATEMENT
January 1-December 31, 1938

Grand Commandery Divisions	RECEIPTS										Total Cash Available
	Cash on Hand or in Bank Jan. 1, 1938	Principal Repayments on Loans	Interest Paid on Loans	Interest Received on Investments	Sale of Securities	Recoveries of Charge Offs	Additional Assessments and Donations	Delinquent Assess- ments, and due from Grand Comdy	From Closed Banks and Miscellaneous		
Alabama.....	2,212.34	2,976.91	843.76	204.62	3,575.68	20.67				9,833.98	
Arizona.....	2,258.93	640.00	58.82	20.00						2,977.75	
Arkansas.....	5,015.52	3,341.87	1,240.64	41.97						9,640.00	
California.....	82,303.46	10,219.50	2,587.65	2,654.49		124.00				97,889.10	
Colorado.....	2,947.44	4,742.10	1,159.49	521.50	2,000.00					11,370.53	
Connecticut.....	2,732.38	7,642.15	2,396.38	423.61						13,194.52	
Dist. of Columbia.....	4,225.81	1,217.20	216.98	1,248.62	16,540.00					23,448.61	
Florida.....	4,012.16	2,780.27	828.23	30.49						7,651.15	
Georgia.....	10,733.17	12,227.32	4,494.17	16.00		124.45				27,595.11	
Idaho.....	*1.34	6,543.65	971.02	120.60	2,225.46		847.17	51.08		10,757.64	
Illinois.....	16,111.95	15,373.60	3,277.80	7,796.25				1,952.00		44,511.60	
Indiana.....	1,975.55	7,607.57	1,800.09	1,437.50						12,820.71	
Iowa.....	10,633.87	12,865.99	2,978.68							26,478.54	
Kansas.....	14,976.61	12,585.95	1,747.94					1,000.00		30,310.50	
Kentucky.....	996.86	10,017.82	2,363.53	942.50	2,050.00					16,370.71	
Louisiana.....	2,411.14	1,575.12	1,213.72	150.00						5,349.98	
Maine.....	31,967.29	7,009.58	1,976.36	594.10						41,547.33	
Maryland.....	7,050.71	5,671.27	1,351.91	229.53						14,303.42	
Mass. and R. I.....	14,656.86	25,881.83	3,992.79	1,550.06						46,081.54	
Michigan.....	11,391.40	17,186.63	2,237.00	796.01	9,022.07				726.08	41,359.19	
Minnesota.....	12,596.28	8,391.40	1,672.91	137.50						22,798.09	
Mississippi.....	7,959.42	1,925.72	1,186.35							11,071.49	
Missouri.....	6,080.28	13,817.27	2,616.71	2,401.90	9,000.00	76.00				33,992.16	
Montana.....	5,630.68	4,813.66	722.92							11,167.26	
Nebraska.....	4,624.70	3,154.57	906.42	284.14						8,933.83	
Nevada.....	1,115.60	555.00	22.00			20.00				1,712.60	
New Hampshire.....	3,297.53	2,192.23	465.95	183.05						6,138.76	
New Jersey.....	4,022.05	6,151.31	1,777.75	384.79	1,500.00					13,835.90	
New Mexico.....	5,988.16	1,129.31	371.54	205.00						7,694.01	
New York.....	70,836.19	29,932.90	6,985.37	4,018.50						111,772.96	
North Carolina.....	478.16	1,658.25	413.51	688.50	3,000.00					6,238.42	
North Dakota.....	2,130.16	2,719.85	358.72	6.46		17.00				5,232.19	
Ohio.....	21,992.61	20,722.14	5,499.93	4,563.75	70,000.00					122,778.43	
Oklahoma.....	6,983.16	3,133.42	1,253.57	1,390.87	100.00					12,861.02	
Oregon.....	1,083.75	2,851.50	580.04	683.61		75.00				5,273.90	
Pennsylvania.....	62,435.92	31,609.28	6,081.20	5,434.99						105,561.39	
South Carolina.....	3,621.66	7,529.94	1,562.95					159.69		12,874.24	
South Dakota.....	1,455.10	4,359.00	960.79					140.00	1,700.00	8,614.89	
Tennessee.....	4,664.21	6,185.46	1,981.61	549.93		10.05			503.77	13,895.03	
Texas.....	7,809.03	36,271.15	1,189.90	239.86	15,000.00	20.45				67,530.39	
Utah.....	1,017.01	668.28	108.52			2.08	266.00	84.00		2,145.89	
Vermont.....	4,954.43	4,117.23	1,121.48	95.99				245.52	112.75	10,647.40	
Virginia.....	13,228.19	6,976.79	1,476.01	958.17						22,639.16	
Washington.....	1,921.52	3,733.09	775.03	272.73	3,477.27	280.00	133.84			10,593.48	
West Virginia.....	9,955.38	8,238.47	3,137.43	66.82		39.80				21,437.90	
Wisconsin.....	2,183.57	10,595.56	2,691.70	1,800.95						17,271.78	
Wyoming.....	6,505.37	1,877.87	302.70							8,685.94	
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	503,182.23	393,416.98	90,959.97	43,109.36	137,490.48	809.50	1,247.01	3,472.60	3,202.29	1,176,890.42	
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	6,301.04	2,114.40	206.15	204.12	4,573.15		70.00	50.00		13,518.86	
Grand Total.....	509,483.27	395,531.38	91,166.12	43,313.48	142,063.63	809.50	1,317.01	3,522.60	3,202.29	1,190,409.28	
St. Johns No. 1.....	2,609.07	307.33	38.66	66.06				50.00		3,071.12	
Honolulu No. 1.....	1,233.92	12.07	7.93	24.89						1,278.81	
Far East No. 1.....			22.00		2,923.63					2,945.63	
Alaska No. 1.....	246.00									246.00	
Canal Zone No. 1.....	13.00	1,795.00	137.56	23.91	1,649.52		70.00			3,688.99	
Porto Rico No. 1.....	709.14			36.84						745.98	
Anchorage No. 2.....	385.86			9.60						395.46	
Havana No. 1.....	1,104.05			42.82						1,146.87	
Tampico No. 1.....											
Ivanhoe No. 2.....											
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	6,301.04	2,114.40	206.15	204.12	4,573.15		70.00	50.00		13,518.86	

TABLE I—(Continued)
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OPERATING
STATEMENT
January 1-December 31, 1938

Grand Commandery Divisions	DISBURSEMENTS					BAL.	
	Loans made to Students in 1938	Paid to Students on Account Loans Made in 1937	Operating Costs	Purchase of Securities	Miscellaneous	Total Disbursements	Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1938
Alabama.....	3,085.00	800.00	1,328.10	3,204.62		8,417.72	1,416.26
Arizona.....	400.00		50.00			450.00	2,527.75
Arkansas.....	2,125.00		612.63	41.97		2,809.60	6,830.40
California.....	1,975.00		4,236.89	84,133.77		90,345.66	7,543.44
Colorado.....	7,965.00	800.00	1,167.09			9,932.09	1,438.44
Connecticut.....	5,150.00	1,200.00	1,377.97	423.61		8,151.58	5,042.94
Dist. of Columbia.....	400.00		489.15	2,035.44		2,924.59	20,524.02
Florida.....	800.00	500.00	386.30	30.49	500.00	2,216.79	5,434.36
Georgia.....	11,247.95		2,228.85	10,000.00		23,476.80	4,118.31
Idaho.....	7,131.75		431.85	120.60		7,684.20	3,073.44
Illinois.....	5,065.00	800.00	5,956.50	15,618.75	1,133.09	28,573.34	15,938.26
Indiana.....	3,380.00		364.41			3,744.41	9,076.30
Iowa.....	16,852.50		1,215.18			18,067.68	8,410.86
Kansas.....	5,092.50		1,806.25	12,107.78		19,006.53	11,303.97
Kentucky.....	2,517.50	1,100.00	2,715.19	5,450.00	50.80	11,833.49	4,537.22
Louisiana.....	1,045.00		404.13			1,449.13	3,900.85
Maine.....	5,925.00		976.15	31,547.55		38,448.70	3,098.63
Maryland.....	3,702.25		551.57	1,641.79	567.40	6,463.01	7,840.41
Mass. and R. I.....	28,632.50		5,474.07			34,106.57	11,974.97
Michigan.....	31,061.00		2,218.11	6,077.50	34.50	39,391.11	1,968.08
Minnesota.....	7,525.00		1,036.77	6,000.00		14,561.77	8,236.32
Mississippi.....	6,222.65		1,498.85			7,721.50	3,349.99
Missouri.....	17,863.00		2,859.92	6,750.00		27,472.92	6,519.24
Montana.....	3,084.16	904.19	424.00			4,412.35	6,754.91
Nebraska.....	1,725.00		604.66	3,000.00		5,329.66	3,604.17
Nevada.....	275.00		1.32			276.32	1,436.28
New Hampshire.....	2,350.00		51.00	360.71		2,761.71	3,377.05
New Jersey.....	10,275.00		2,085.46	384.79	17.00	12,762.25	1,073.65
New Mexico.....				6,257.50		6,257.50	1,436.51
New York.....	52,596.00		10,733.90	10,008.36		73,338.26	38,434.70
North Carolina.....	1,150.00		200.95	1,100.00		2,450.95	3,787.47
North Dakota.....	2,625.00		633.40	1,500.00		4,758.40	473.79
Ohio.....	10,550.29		3,632.38	100,000.00	2,964.64	117,147.31	5,631.12
Oklahoma.....	1,540.00	420.00	1,111.82	359.62		3,131.44	9,429.58
Oregon.....	1,905.00		570.00	1,000.00	145.47	3,620.47	1,653.43
Pennsylvania.....	20,080.00		6,347.71	25,657.30		52,085.01	53,476.38
South Carolina.....	7,015.00		1,013.15			8,028.15	4,816.09
South Dakota.....	8,005.00		505.07			8,510.07	104.82
Tennessee.....	2,715.00		912.00			3,627.00	10,268.03
Texas.....	53,852.00		5,502.56			59,354.56	8,175.83
Utah.....	1,520.00		187.50			1,707.50	438.39
Vermont.....	1,700.00	825.00	791.40	2,095.99		5,412.39	5,235.01
Virginia.....	4,735.00		1,195.11	10,800.00		16,730.11	5,900.05
Washington.....	8,365.00		1,751.22			10,116.22	477.26
West Virginia.....	8,175.00		1,099.55	5,000.00		14,274.55	7,163.35
Wisconsin.....	2,850.50		2,787.88	10,003.43		15,641.81	1,629.97
Wyoming.....	1,600.00	25.00	107.71			1,732.71	6,953.23
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	383,851.55	7,374.19	81,665.68	362,711.57	5,412.90	841,015.89	335,874.53
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	2,138.12	620.00	75.00	395.46		3,228.58	10,290.28
Grand Total.....	385,989.67	7,994.19	81,740.68	363,107.03	5,412.90	844,244.47	346,164.81
St. Johns No. 1.....	100.00		75.00			175.00	2,896.12
Honolulu No. 1.....							1,278.81
Far East No. 1.....	503.12					503.12	2,442.51
Alaska No. 1.....							246.00
Canal Zone No. 1.....	1,535.00	620.00				2,155.00	1,533.99
Porto Rico No. 1.....							745.98
Anchorage No. 2.....				395.46		395.46	
Havana No. 1.....							1,146.87
Tampico No. 1.....							
Ivanhoe No. 2.....							
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	2,138.12	620.00	75.00	395.46		3,228.58	10,290.28

TABLE II
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PROFIT & LOSS
ANALYSIS
January 1-December 31, 1938

Grand Commandery Divisions	ADDITIONS						
	85% of Interest Recls. Available for Operating Cost	15% of Interest Recls. Allotted for Conserved Earnings	Adjustments and Reinforcements of Student Loans	Profit on Sale of Securities and Accrued Interest on Investments	Misc. Recoveries, Additional Assess- ments, Donations	Increase in Accrued Interest Due on Student Loans	Total Additions
Alabama.....	891.12	157.26			20.67	5,636.45	6,705.50
Arizona.....	67.00	11.82					78.82
Arkansas.....	1,090.22	192.39					1,282.61
California.....	4,455.82	786.32			124.00	6,662.93	6,662.93
Colorado.....	1,428.84	252.15				342.00	2,022.99
Connecticut.....	2,396.99	423.00				159.78	2,979.77
Dist. of Columbia.....	1,245.76	219.84		540.00		32.66	2,038.26
Florida.....	729.91	128.81				1,022.93	1,897.42
Georgia.....	3,833.64	676.53	250.00		124.45	4,884.62	4,884.62
Idaho.....	927.98	163.64			847.17	1,938.79	1,938.79
Illinois.....	9,412.95	1,661.10		2,633.41		13,707.46	13,707.46
Indiana.....	2,751.95	485.64				500.00	3,737.59
Iowa.....	2,531.88	446.80				1,012.69	3,991.37
Kansas.....	1,485.75	262.19				2,270.44	4,018.38
Kentucky.....	2,810.13	495.90				1,659.88	4,965.91
Louisiana.....	1,159.16	204.56				386.39	1,544.11
Maine.....	2,184.90	385.56				50.76	2,620.22
Maryland.....	1,344.23	237.21				500.00	6,042.85
Mass. and R. I.....	4,711.43	831.42				690.56	3,033.01
Michigan.....	2,578.06	454.95				248.11	2,500.97
Minnesota.....	1,538.85	271.56				1,434.46	1,434.46
Mississippi.....	1,008.40	177.95				215.50	1,293.92
Missouri.....	4,265.82	752.79			76.00	12,000.00	17,094.61
Montana.....	614.48	108.44				216.50	8,154.56
Nebraska.....	981.38	173.18			20.00	7,000.00	58.96
Nevada.....	18.70	3.30				16.96	649.00
New Hampshire.....	551.65	97.35				277.50	2,500.82
New Jersey.....	1,838.16	324.38		60.78			576.54
New Mexico.....	490.06	86.48					11,063.87
New York.....	9,353.30	1,650.57				325.27	1,427.28
North Carolina.....	936.71	165.30				50.00	432.18
North Dakota.....	310.42	54.76			17.00	21,509.24	31,572.92
Ohio.....	8,554.13	1,509.55				177.97	2,822.41
Oklahoma.....	2,247.77	396.67				1,821.78	1,337.97
Oregon.....	1,074.10	189.55			75.00		1,562.95
Pennsylvania.....	9,788.76	1,727.43				960.79	960.79
South Carolina.....	1,328.52	234.43				10.05	587.57
South Dakota.....	816.67	144.12				20.45	1,470.00
Tennessee.....	2,151.81	379.73				137.25	523.18
Texas.....	7,165.30	1,264.46				94.54	2,528.72
Utah.....	92.23	16.29	9.33		268.08	126.23	1,587.83
Vermont.....	1,118.07	197.30					3,244.05
Virginia.....	2,069.05	365.13					14,184.17
Washington.....	890.60	157.16			413.84		302.70
West Virginia.....	2,723.61	480.64			39.80		
Wisconsin.....	3,818.75	673.90	9,691.52				
Wyoming.....	257.30	45.40					
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	114,042.32	20,124.91	9,966.62	3,880.01	2,056.51	61,424.43	211,494.80
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	348.74	61.53			70.00	283.95	764.22
Grand Total.....	114,391.06	20,186.44	9,966.62	3,880.01	2,126.51	61,708.38	212,259.02
St. Johns No. 1.....	89.01	15.71				212.75	317.47
Honolulu No. 1.....	27.90	4.92				61.85	94.67
Far East No. 1.....	18.70	3.30					22.00
Alaska No. 1.....						9.35	240.82
Canal Zone No. 1.....	137.26	24.21			70.00		36.84
Porto Rico No. 1.....	31.31	5.53					9.60
Anchorage No. 2.....	8.16	1.44					42.82
Havana No. 1.....	36.40	6.42					
Tampico No. 1.....							
Ivanhoe No. 2.....							
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	348.74	61.53			70.00	283.95	764.22

TABLE II—(Continued)
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PROFIT & LOSS
ANALYSIS
January 1-December 31, 1938

Grand Commandery Divisions	DEDUCTIONS						NET PROFIT		
	Operating Costs	Charge Offs of Uncollectible Loans and Adjustments	Loss on Sale of Securities and Adjustments	Miscellaneous Adjustments	Decrease in Accrued Interest Due on Loans	Total Deductions	Net Profit for 1938	Net Profit to Dec. 31, 1937 includ- ing Acc. Interest on Student Loans	Total Operating Profit to Dec. 31, 1938
Alabama.....	1,328.10					1,328.10	5,377.40	9,433.11	14,810.51
Arizona.....	50.00					50.00	28.82	240.93	269.75
Arkansas.....	642.63				266.33	908.96	373.65	4,929.69	5,303.34
California.....	4,236.89	620.00				4,856.89	1,806.04	6,225.17	8,031.21
Colorado.....	1,167.09					1,167.09	855.90	6,227.46	7,083.36
Connecticut.....	1,377.97					1,377.97	1,601.80	14,417.11	16,018.91
Dist. of Columbia.....	489.15					489.15	1,549.11	7,425.51	8,974.62
Florida.....	386.30			500.00		886.30	1,011.12	11,663.83	12,674.95
Georgia.....	2,228.85	122.25			700.24	3,051.34	1,833.28	24,829.47	26,662.75
Idaho.....	431.85					431.85	1,506.9	1,895.81	3,402.73
Illinois.....	5,956.50	1,186.60		80.78	2,592.52	9,816.41	3,891.05	36,941.52	40,832.57
Indiana.....	364.41					3,373.18	29,086.26	32,459.38	32,459.38
Iowa.....	1,215.18			2,992.66		4,207.84	*216.47	21,921.82	21,705.35
Kansas.....	8,789.74			6,983.49		8,789.74	4,771.36	32,462.71	27,691.35
Kentucky.....	2,715.19	382.58	31.55			3,129.32	1,836.59	8,321.54	10,158.13
Louisiana.....	404.13					404.13	959.59	3,389.42	4,349.01
Maine.....	976.15					976.15	2,430.70	28,195.76	30,926.46
Maryland.....	551.57			567.40		1,118.97	513.23	10,389.23	11,102.46
Mass. and R. I.....	5,474.07		5.00			5,479.07	563.78	*25,054.58	24,490.80
Michigan.....	2,218.11	100.00				2,318.11	714.90	24,488.86	25,203.70
Minnesota.....	1,036.77	780.00				1,816.77	684.26	18,558.27	19,242.45
Mississippi.....	1,498.85					1,498.85	*64.39	8,526.53	8,462.14
Missouri.....	2,859.92					2,859.92	14,234.69	16,781.24	31,015.93
Montana.....	424.00					424.00	515.42	4,656.29	5,171.71
Nebraska.....	604.66	200.00				804.66	7,349.90	4,510.05	11,859.95
Nevada.....	1.32					1.32	57.64	1,029.25	1,086.89
New Hampshire.....	51.00				410.66	461.66	187.34	7,266.54	7,453.88
New Jersey.....	2,085.46					2,085.46	415.36	5,688.83	6,104.19
New Mexico.....	275.67					275.67	300.87	5,923.10	6,223.97
New York.....	10,733.90				671.47	11,405.37	*401.50	36,661.27	36,259.77
North Carolina.....	200.95					200.95	1,226.33	16,936.91	18,163.24
North Dakota.....	633.40	199.00			46.75	879.15	*446.97	24.92	*422.05
Ohio.....	3,632.38			46.21		3,678.59	27,894.33	38,802.71	66,697.04
Oklahoma.....	1,111.82			1,094.00		2,205.82	616.59	17,984.22	18,600.81
Oregon.....	570.00			345.47		915.47	423.18	*3,286.75	*2,863.57
Pennsylvania.....	6,347.71		657.30			7,005.01	6,332.96	61,593.45	67,926.41
South Carolina.....	1,013.15					1,013.15	549.80	10,976.12	11,525.92
South Dakota.....	505.07					505.07	455.72	3,323.25	3,778.97
Tennessee.....	912.00					912.00	2,217.16	9,821.89	12,039.05
Texas.....	5,502.56	2,492.50				7,995.06	1,925.15	56,221.36	58,146.51
Utah.....	187.50					187.50	335.68	1,095.34	1,431.02
Vermont.....	791.40	379.48			250.97	1,421.85	*106.48	3,305.14	3,198.66
Virginia.....	1,195.11					1,195.11	1,333.61	11,066.22	12,399.83
Washington.....	1,751.22	.86				1,752.08	*164.25	3,003.78	2,839.53
West Virginia.....	1,099.55					1,099.55	2,006.35	11,742.70	13,749.11
Wisconsin.....	2,787.88	6,188.15	143.43		1,300.00	10,419.46	3,764.71	11,744.80	15,509.51
Wyoming.....	107.71					107.71	194.99	3,248.17	3,443.16
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	81,665.68	12,651.42	837.28	12,610.01	6,652.77	114,417.16	97,077.64	625,436.15	722,513.79
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	75.00					75.00	689.22	1,953.13	2,642.35
Grand Total.....	81,740.68	12,651.42	837.28	12,610.01	6,652.77	114,492.16	97,766.86	627,389.28	725,156.14
St. Johns No. 1.....	75.00					75.00	242.47	1,581.33	1,823.80
Honolulu No. 1.....							94.67	336.42	431.09
Far East No. 1.....							22.00	565.11	587.11
Alaska No. 1.....									
Canal Zone No. 1.....							240.82	703.41	944.23
Porto Rico No. 1.....							36.84	224.14	260.98
Anchorage No. 2.....							9.60	78.61	88.21
Havana No. 1.....							42.82	78.05	120.87
Tampico No. 1.....								*1,613.94	*1,613.94
Ivanhoe No. 2.....									
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	75.00					75.00	689.22	1,953.13	2,642.35

TABLE III

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ASSETS, LIABILITIES,
AND NET WORTH
As of December 31, 1938

Grand Commanderies	ASSETS						
	Cash on Hand or in Bank	Funds Invested Savings, Etc.	Student Loans Outstanding (Principal Only)	Balance in Contingent Funds	Miscellaneous Assets	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	Accrued Interest Due on Loans *Estimated
Alabama.....	1,416.26	13,508.15	47,057.06	404.39	1,112.73	63,498.59	13,593.11
Arizona.....	2,527.75	1,000.00	3,740.00	.....	.....	7,267.75	.....
Arkansas.....	6,830.40	2,130.10	16,258.32	123.44	2,386.97	27,729.23	1,992.56
California.....	7,543.44	130,908.58	35,779.00	.....	1,145.82	175,376.84	*3,722.37
Colorado.....	1,438.44	20,017.75	28,123.88	.....	.....	49,580.07	3,432.29
Connecticut.....	5,042.94	18,164.68	34,609.02	517.19	.....	78,333.83	4,822.53
Dist. of Columbia.....	20,521.02	11,225.54	4,633.20	847.93	.....	37,230.69	1,081.68
Florida.....	5,434.36	2,053.56	39,891.59	508.37	354.43	48,244.31	11,658.55
Georgia.....	4,118.31	10,170.72	65,623.26	.....	.....	79,912.29	12,463.64
Idaho.....	3,073.44	6,120.60	12,701.16	.....	.....	21,895.20	*334.40
Illinois.....	15,938.26	254,022.64	61,216.74	.....	11,804.72	342,982.36	8,861.97
Indiana.....	9,076.30	64,712.81	66,104.27	.....	.....	139,893.38	*8,000.00
Iowa.....	8,410.86	100,635.63	.....	.....	.....	109,046.49	16,902.86
Kansas.....	11,303.97	19,607.78	92,703.31	61.25	13,108.00	136,864.31	20,271.04
Kentucky.....	4,537.22	33,700.54	43,490.45	413.24	1,633.71	83,775.16	5,516.60
Louisiana.....	3,900.85	5,951.80	23,990.71	398.05	30.00	34,274.41	.....
Maine.....	3,098.63	35,547.55	67,989.99	.....	108.84	106,745.01	8,684.45
Maryland.....	7,840.41	13,285.32	29,827.74	437.66	.....	51,391.13	2,367.33
Mass. and R. I.....	11,974.97	56,500.00	171,834.33	.....	.....	240,309.30	*3,000.00
Michigan.....	1,968.08	27,668.50	116,376.40	.....	926.72	146,939.70	*15,000.00
Minnesota.....	8,236.32	11,122.81	56,298.18	2,318.84	.....	77,976.15	9,871.30
Mississippi.....	3,349.99	.....	32,243.37	.....	32.75	35,626.11	7,062.03
Missouri.....	6,519.24	105,750.00	43,544.84	5,084.38	.....	160,898.46	*12,000.00
Montana.....	6,754.91	.....	27,115.37	.....	.....	33,870.28	*1,348.60
Nebraska.....	3,604.17	13,501.00	27,627.28	.....	.....	44,732.45	*7,000.00
Nevada.....	1,436.28	.....	2,994.85	.....	.....	4,431.13	542.76
New Hampshire.....	3,377.05	6,239.44	26,016.27	.....	.....	35,632.76	2,026.12
New Jersey.....	1,073.65	17,064.45	45,963.43	133.02	291.26	64,525.81	3,846.38
New Mexico.....	1,436.51	10,338.35	6,638.59	.....	.....	18,413.45	1,237.52
New York.....	38,434.70	110,566.96	207,432.20	.....	387.50	356,821.36	9,900.91
North Carolina.....	3,787.47	31,743.25	21,850.47	.....	.....	57,381.19	6,690.05
North Dakota.....	473.79	8,250.00	10,137.60	.....	.....	18,861.39	861.45
Ohio.....	5,631.12	164,000.00	150,427.48	23,775.20	.....	343,833.80	21,509.24
Oklahoma.....	9,429.58	39,580.40	27,112.87	873.45	.....	76,996.30	5,316.91
Oregon.....	1,653.43	14,000.00	14,426.00	.....	200.00	30,279.43	.....
Pennsylvania.....	53,476.38	196,000.00	173,751.43	.....	.....	423,227.81	18,511.60
South Carolina.....	4,846.09	.....	32,938.64	300.00	1,916.27	40,000.00	9,105.19
South Dakota.....	104.82	.....	35,953.45	.....	560.00	36,618.27	.....
Tennessee.....	10,268.03	14,000.00	23,554.98	*OD 54.22	3,000.00	50,768.79	3,519.51
Texas.....	8,175.83	181,405.41	2,526.27	.....	.....	192,107.51	26,420.00
Utah.....	438.39	7,696.30	57.85	2,303.58	.....	10,496.12	776.90
Vermont.....	5,235.01	6,217.98	22,618.03	.....	.....	34,071.02	1,691.64
Virginia.....	5,909.05	42,800.00	36,555.53	.....	.....	85,264.58	3,122.30
Washington.....	477.26	13,601.01	28,740.43	516.74	.....	43,335.47	3,579.96
West Virginia.....	7,163.35	5,000.00	59,091.86	94.55	.....	71,349.76	7,361.85
Wisconsin.....	1,629.97	69,833.75	33,077.92	.....	.....	104,541.64	2,000.00
Wyoming.....	6,953.23	.....	10,288.93	.....	75.00	17,317.16	.....
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	335,874.53	1,605,911.05	2,428,087.77	15,562.40	65,233.50	4,450,669.25	307,010.60
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	10,290.28	720.46	10,079.81	.....	1,669.81	22,760.36	1,063.37
Grand Total.....	346,164.81	1,606,631.51	2,438,167.58	15,562.40	66,903.31	4,473,429.61	308,073.97
St. Johns No. 1.....	2,896.12	.....	4,942.26	.....	453.75	8,292.13	957.67
Honolulu No. 1.....	1,278.81	.....	1,009.43	.....	.....	2,288.24	61.85
Far East No. 1.....	2,442.51	.....	503.12	.....	.....	2,945.63	.....
Alaska No. 1.....	246.00	.....	325.00	.....	.....	571.00	.....
Canal Zone No. 1.....	1,533.99	.....	3,300.00	.....	.....	4,833.99	43.85
Porto Rico No. 1.....	745.98	325.00	.....	.....	.....	1,070.98	.....
Anchorage No. 2.....	.....	395.46	.....	.....	.....	395.46	.....
Havana No. 1.....	1,146.87	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,146.87	.....
Tampico No. 1.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	618.06	618.06	.....
Ivanhoe No. 2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	598.00	598.00	.....
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	10,290.28	720.46	10,079.81	15,562.40	1,669.81	22,760.36	1,063.37

TABLE III—(Continued)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ASSETS, LIABILITIES,
AND NET WORTH
As of December 31, 1938

Grand Commanderies	ASSETS		LIA- BILITIES	NET WORTH	CAPITAL			
	Total Deferred Assets	TOTAL RESOURCES	Student Loans Payable Loans Payable Trust Funds	NET WORTH	Total Assessments	Donations	Net Operating Profit	Required Capital
Alabama.....	13,593.11	77,091.70	.....	77,091.70	62,223.11	58.08	14,810.51	49,131.00
Arizona.....	.....	7,267.75	.....	7,267.75	6,973.00	25.00	269.75	6,480.00
Arkansas.....	4,727.11	32,456.34	.....	32,456.34	23,653.00	3,500.00	5,303.34	19,116.00
California.....	3,722.37	179,099.21	.....	179,099.21	127,166.00	43,902.00	8,031.21	126,639.00
Colorado.....	4,357.29	53,937.36	510.00	53,427.36	46,344.00	.....	7,083.36	39,699.00
Connecticut.....	4,822.53	83,156.36	3,000.00	80,156.36	61,123.00	14.45	16,018.91	56,772.00
Dist. of Columbia.....	1,081.68	38,312.37	.....	38,312.37	29,337.75	.....	8,974.62	27,171.00
Florida.....	11,658.55	59,902.86	600.00	59,302.86	46,127.91	500.00	12,674.95	36,216.00
Georgia.....	12,973.64	92,885.93	.....	92,885.93	66,150.00	73.18	26,662.75	45,072.00
Idaho.....	334.40	22,229.60	.....	22,229.60	18,826.85	.....	3,402.75	12,987.00
Illinois.....	15,926.21	358,908.57	1,100.00	357,808.57	316,976.00	.....	40,832.57	305,919.00
Indiana.....	8,000.00	147,893.38	.....	147,893.38	115,429.00	5.00	32,459.38	105,309.00
Iowa.....	16,902.86	125,949.35	.....	125,949.35	104,234.00	10.00	21,705.35	91,638.00
Kansas.....	20,271.04	157,135.35	2,330.00	154,805.35	127,114.00	.....	27,691.35	113,580.00
Kentucky.....	6,074.97	89,850.13	1,392.50	88,457.63	78,299.50	.....	10,158.13	59,121.00
Louisiana.....	.....	34,274.41	.....	34,274.41	28,803.00	1,122.40	4,349.01	21,384.00
Maine.....	8,684.45	115,429.46	.....	115,429.46	84,503.00	.....	30,926.46	77,679.00
Maryland.....	2,367.33	53,758.46	.....	53,758.46	42,356.00	.....	11,402.46	40,599.00
Mass. and R. I.....	3,000.00	243,309.30	.....	243,309.30	266,896.13	903.97	*24,490.80	218,889.00
Michigan.....	15,000.00	161,939.70	.....	161,939.70	136,736.00	.....	25,203.70	125,721.00
Minnesota.....	9,874.30	87,850.45	.....	87,850.45	68,608.00	.....	19,242.45	64,467.00
Mississippi.....	7,062.03	42,688.14	.....	42,688.14	34,226.00	.....	8,462.14	26,982.00
Missouri.....	13,243.47	174,141.93	.....	174,141.93	143,126.00	.....	31,015.93	121,860.00
Montana.....	1,348.60	35,218.88	7,511.17	27,707.71	22,536.00	.....	5,171.71	19,971.00
Nebraska.....	7,000.00	51,732.45	.....	51,732.45	39,872.50	.....	11,859.95	36,549.00
Nevada.....	542.76	4,973.89	.....	4,973.89	2,887.00	1,000.00	1,086.89	3,321.00
New Hampshire.....	2,026.12	37,658.88	.....	37,658.88	30,205.00	.....	7,453.88	27,090.00
New Jersey.....	8,693.38	73,219.19	.....	73,219.19	67,115.00	.....	6,104.19	64,260.00
New Mexico.....	1,237.52	19,650.97	.....	19,650.97	13,427.00	.....	6,223.97	11,565.00
New York.....	9,900.91	366,722.27	.....	366,722.27	330,449.00	13.50	36,259.77	296,199.00
North Carolina.....	6,690.05	64,071.24	.....	64,071.24	44,808.00	1,100.00	18,163.24	37,404.00
North Dakota.....	861.45	19,722.81	.....	19,722.81	20,134.89	10.00	*422.05	17,712.00
Ohio.....	21,509.24	365,313.04	.....	365,313.04	298,616.00	.....	66,697.04	288,684.00
Oklahoma.....	5,316.91	82,313.21	285.00	82,028.21	63,427.40	.....	18,600.81	55,143.00
Oregon.....	.....	30,279.43	.....	30,279.43	33,143.00	.....	*2,863.57	29,763.00
Pennsylvania.....	18,511.60	441,739.41	.....	441,739.41	373,813.00	.....	67,926.41	358,479.00
South Carolina.....	9,105.19	49,106.19	2,000.00	47,106.19	32,352.00	3,228.27	11,525.92	21,996.00
South Dakota.....	.....	36,618.27	1,700.00	34,918.27	39,139.30	.....	3,778.97	27,288.00
Tennessee.....	6,437.26	57,206.05	.....	57,206.05	42,866.00	2,301.00	12,039.05	34,128.00
Texas.....	26,420.00	218,527.51	.....	218,527.51	160,381.00	.....	58,146.51	136,863.00
Utah.....	776.90	11,273.02	605.00	10,668.02	9,237.00	.....	1,431.02	7,740.00
Vermont.....	2,066.64	36,137.66	1,050.00	35,087.66	31,889.00	.....	3,198.66	29,565.00
Virginia.....	3,122.30	88,386.88	.....	88,386.88	73,482.05	2,505.00	12,399.83	58,752.00
Washington.....	3,579.96	46,915.43	.....	46,915.43	43,940.00	135.90	2,839.53	42,381.00
West Virginia.....	7,361.85	78,711.61	4,163.00	74,546.61	60,724.00	73.50	13,749.11	55,620.00
Wisconsin.....	9,918.87	114,460.51	.....	114,460.51	98,951.00	.....	15,509.51	97,722.00
Wyoming.....	.....	17,317.16	.....	17,317.16	13,849.00	25.00	3,443.16	13,122.00
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions	336,104.85	4,786,774.10	26,248.67	4,760,525.43	3,977,505.39	60,506.25	722,513.79	3,563,748.00
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions	1,063.37	23,823.73	400.00	23,423.73	20,496.25	285.13	2,642.35	19,476.00
Grand Total.....	337,168.22	4,810,597.83	26,648.67	4,783,949.16	3,998,001.64	60,791.38	725,156.14	3,583,224.00
St. Johns No. 1.....	957.67	9,249.80	.....	9,249.80	7,426.00	.....	1,823.80	6,795.00
Honolulu No. 1.....	61.85	2,350.09	.....	2,350.09	1,919.00	.....	431.09	1,800.00
Far East No. 1.....	.....	2,945.63	.....	2,945.63	2,253.00	105.52	587.11	2,250.00
Alaska No. 1.....	.....	571.00	.....	571.00	571.00	.....	.....	621.00
Canal Zone No. 1.....	43.85	4,877.84	400.00	4,477.84	3,354.00	179.61	944.93	2,790.00
Porto Rico No. 1.....	.....	1,070.98	.....	1,070.98	810.00	.....	260.98	783.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	.....	395.46	.....	395.46	307.25	.....	88.21	261.00
Havana No. 1.....	.....	1,146.87	.....	1,146.87	1,026.00	.....	120.87	1,026.00
Tampico No. 1.....	.....	618.06	.....	618.06	2,232.00	.....	*1,613.94	*2,232.00
Ivanhoe No. 2.....	.....	598.00	.....	598.00	598.00	.....	.....	*918.00
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions	1,063.37	23,823.73	400.00	23,423.73	20,496.25	285.13	2,642.35	19,476.00

DETAIL OF COLUMN No. 4

TABLE III

(Miscellaneous Assets)

Cash in Closed Banks:

Alabama	\$ 1,040.23
Arkansas	2,328.57
Florida	329.43
Kentucky	1,108.62
Maine	108.84
Michigan	892.22
Ohio	16,635.51
South Carolina	1,916.27
Utah	334.41

Due from Assessments and Grand Commanderies:

Illinois	\$ 8,554.25
Kansas	13,188.00
New York	387.50
South Dakota	560.00
Utah	1,969.17
St. Johns No. 1	453.75

Furniture & Fixtures:

Alabama	\$ 72.50
Arkansas	58.40
Florida	25.00
Illinois	617.06
Kentucky	474.29
Louisiana	30.00
Mississippi	32.75
New Jersey	230.48
Ohio	93.30
Wyoming	75.00

Fellowship:

Tennessee	\$ 3,000.00
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Accrued Interest on Investments and Premiums on Bond Purchases:

California	\$ 1,145.89
Illinois	2,633.41
Kentucky	50.80
Michigan	34.50
Ohio	6,846.39
Oregon	200.00

Miscellaneous:

Ohio—Emergency Fund	\$ 200.00
New Jersey—Pending Adjustment	60.70
Surrendered to G. E. (Tampico No. 1, Ivanhoe No. 2)	1,216.00

Total Miscellaneous Assets:

Cash in Closed Banks	\$24,694.10
Due from assessments and Gr. Comds.	25,112.67
Furniture & Fixtures	1,708.78
Fellowship	3,000.00
Acc. Int. on Investments and premium on bonds	10,910.92
Miscellaneous	1,476.84
	\$66,903.31

DIVISION COMMITTEES 1938 EXPENSE RECAPITULATION

Salaries	\$ 53,896.27
Attorney and collection fees	9,144.83
Postage, telephone and telegraph	5,493.63
Rent, including deposit box	2,983.26
Traveling and committee expense	2,084.16
Fidelity bonds and insurance	1,341.39
Audits	2,940.94
Supplies	2,717.48
Furniture and Fixtures	561.46
Miscellaneous	613.26

Total operating cost \$ 81,740.68

Approved charge-off of loans	\$ 12,651.42
Loss on sale of securities	837.28
Depreciation on furniture	126.99
Cash in closed banks charged off	2,992.66
Loss involved in bank reorganization	567.40
Adjustment in bond premium	345.47
Waiver of uncollected assessments	1,094.00
Refund of Grand Commandery advance for bonus	500.00

Total charge-offs \$ 19,114.22

Total 1938 administration expense \$100,855.90

Allowed Grand Commandery credit on transfer in error for expense advanced by Grand Com-mandery in 1924-1935 6,983.49

TOTAL \$107,839.39

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

DIVISION COMMITTEES EXPENSES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1938

Grand Commanderies	Salaries and Wages	Attorney and Collection Fees	Postage, Expense, Telephone and Telegraph	Office and Safety Deposit Box Rent	Traveling and Committee Meeting Expense	Fidelity Bonds and Insurance	Audits	Supplies	Furniture & Fixtures	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Alabama	750.08	58.00	42.48	57.81	73.19	56.25	144.40	145.89			1,328.10
Arizona	50.00										50.00
Arkansas	420.00	17.00	38.77	60.00	36.15		35.00	35.71			642.63
California	2,615.00	1,425.14				45.00	75.00	76.75			4,236.89
Colorado	900.00	101.94	52.16	22.40		12.50		30.59	27.50	20.00	1,167.09
Connecticut	1,052.26	14.89	73.54	150.00	28.58	18.75		17.00		22.95	1,377.97
Dist. of Columbia	480.00			3.85		5.00				.30	489.15
Florida	360.00				14.55					11.75	386.30
Georgia	1,500.00	323.60	111.26			55.00	50.00	45.24	21.50	122.25	2,228.85
Idaho	190.00	3.35	98.00			56.25	30.00	54.25			431.85
Illinois	2,433.90	720.54	298.01	653.10	135.55	86.42	1,350.00	260.19		18.79	5,956.50
Indiana	300.00		49.01	3.30		8.50		3.60			364.41
Iowa	945.00	15.00	132.03			51.25		24.06			1,215.18
Kansas	1,600.00		75.00		131.25						1,806.25
Kentucky	1,000.00	1,364.10	63.64	120.00	28.00	25.00	78.89	16.17		19.39	2,715.19
Louisiana	300.00		77.88			26.25					404.13
Maine	900.00		40.00	22.00				14.15			976.15
Maryland	500.00		29.07			22.50					551.57
Mass. and R. I.	4,695.00		333.64	240.00	48.32	37.50	75.00	44.61			5,474.07
Michigan	1,359.73	441.56	80.00	40.00	100.00	50.00	105.25	41.57			2,218.11
Minnesota	840.00	75.00	69.58			37.50		7.45		7.24	1,036.77
Mississippi	1,299.96		30.00		82.25	7.50	50.00	29.14			1,498.05
Missouri	1,880.00		274.80		89.04	56.26	25.00	173.87	360.95		2,859.92
Montana	325.00		50.00		30.00			18.90		.10	424.00
Nebraska	467.85		30.50	5.50		18.76	35.00	47.05			604.66
Nevada								1.32			1.32
New Hampshire			51.00								51.00
New Jersey	1,450.00	74.90	141.97	60.00	164.70	56.25	100.00	19.59	5.25	12.80	2,085.46
New Mexico											
New York	7,220.00	1,347.21	946.50	468.00		100.00	279.40	372.79			10,733.90
North Carolina			30.00	3.30	15.00	37.50		10.00		105.15	200.95
North Dakota	420.00	20.88	96.48			20.10	20.00	46.07		9.87	633.40
Ohio	1,605.00	1,619.87	69.00			18.75	93.00	174.07		52.69	3,632.38
Oklahoma	625.00	20.00	43.73		212.08	78.23	100.00	32.78			1,111.82
Oregon	300.00			270.00							570.00
Pennsylvania	4,960.00	26.00	341.08	382.40	161.63	75.00	60.00	316.90	11.25	13.45	6,347.71
South Carolina	750.00	69.50	53.75		82.10	17.50	35.00			5.30	1,013.15
South Dakota	360.00	101.90	30.00			7.50		5.67			505.07
Tennessee	420.00	291.24	43.00	3.30	6.24	50.00	25.00	14.00		59.22	912.00
Texas	3,530.00	175.05	839.49	304.00	75.05	84.37	25.00	469.60			5,502.56
Utah	180.00					7.50					187.50
Vermont	550.00	76.35	47.16	3.30	30.39	12.50	50.00		21.70		791.40
Virginia	900.00	141.41	37.50	11.00	12.20	25.00		68.00			1,195.11
Washington	600.00	263.50	396.12		404.10	37.50	50.00				1,751.22
West Virginia	662.50		152.24		39.95	12.50	50.00	69.05	113.31		1,099.55
Wisconsin	2,099.99	349.19	100.24	100.00		25.00		31.45		82.01	2,787.88
Wyoming	75.00	7.71	25.00								107.71
St. Johns No. 1	25.00									50.00	75.00
TOTALS	\$53,896.27	\$9,144.83	\$5,493.63	\$2,983.26	\$2,048.16	\$1,341.39	\$2,940.94	\$2,717.48	\$ 561.46	\$ 613.26	\$81,740.68

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

As of December 31, 1938

Total Operating profit to January 1, 1938.....	\$374,468.82
Plus accrued interest due on student loans, January 1, 1938.....	252,920.46

\$627,389.28

Additions in 1938

85% of interest receipts available for administration expenses.....	\$114,391.06
15% of interest receipts for conserved earnings.....	20,186.44
Reinstatements of charged-off loans and adjustments.....	9,966.62
Profit on sale of securities and accrued interest.....	3,880.01
Recoveries, additional assessments, donations.....	2,126.51
Increase in accrued interest due on loans.....	61,708.38

Total additions \$212,259.02

Deductions in 1938

Operating Costs.....	\$ 81,740.68
Charge-off of uncollected loans and adjustments.....	12,651.42
Loss on sale of securities.....	837.28
Depreciation on furniture and fixtures.....	126.99
*Refund of Grand Commandery advance for bonus.....	500.00
Cash in Closed Banks charged off.....	2,992.66
Loss involved in bank reorganization.....	567.40
Waiver of uncollected assessments.....	1,094.00
Accrued interest on bonds—adjustment.....	345.47
Reimbursement to Grand Commandery for expense advanced 1924-35.....	6,983.49
Decrease in accrued interest due on loans.....	6,652.77

Total deductions \$114,492.16

Net operating profit for the year ending December 31, 1938..... \$ 97,766.86

Total operating profit to December 31, 1938..... \$725,156.14

*In 1926 Grand Master Newby authorized a bonus of \$500.00 to the Grand Commandery of Florida upon its agreement to augment its fund by \$1,000 payable \$500.00 in cash and the remaining \$500.00 by a guaranty. The guaranty was never paid. In 1937 the Grand Commandery requested permission to return the \$500.00 to the Grand Encampment, cancel the guaranty and return \$500.00 to the Grand Commandery, which was approved by the Grand Encampment Committee. The \$500.00 was returned to the Grand Encampment in 1937 and the guaranty previously carried as an asset was charged off. In 1938 the Educational Committee returned the \$500.00 to the Grand Commandery.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OPERATING STATEMENT

For the year ending December 31, 1938

Cash on hand or in bank, January 1, 1938..... \$ 509,483.27

Receipts

Principal repayments on student loans.....	\$395,531.38
Interest payments on student loans.....	91,166.12
Interest on investments.....	43,313.48
Delinquent assessments.....	1,240.83
Additional assessments and donations.....	1,317.01
Sale of securities.....	142,963.63
Contingent Fund close-out.....	245.52
Dividends from Closed Banks.....	867.26
Recovery of loans charged off.....	809.50
Part-payment of irregular and unapproved transfer.....	1,000.00
Loan from bank.....	1,700.00
Item in transit, December 31, 1937.....	503.77
Repayment of temporary loan to Grand Commandery.....	1,036.25
Accrued bond interest paid.....	131.26

Total receipts \$ 680,926.01

Total cash available \$1,190,326.28

Disbursements

Loans to students in 1938.....	\$385,989.67
Student Loan commitments, December 31, 1937.....	7,994.19
Operating costs.....	81,749.68
Purchase of securities.....	363,107.03
Premium on bond purchases.....	2,383.41
Loss involved in bank reorganization.....	567.40
Furniture and Fixtures.....	113.84
Temporary loan to Grand Commandery.....	1,036.25
Refund to Grand Commandery of overpaid assessments.....	812.00
*Refund to Grand Commandery of advance for bonus.....	500.00

Total disbursements \$ 844,244.47

Balance cash on hand or in bank, December 31, 1938..... \$ 346,164.81

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1938

Assets

Cash on hand or in bank available for loans.....	\$ 346,164.81
Interest-bearing investments.....	1,606,631.51
Student Loans outstanding (principal only).....	2,438,167.58
Balance in Contingent Funds.....	15,562.40
Cash in Closed Banks.....	24,694.10
Due from assessments and Grand Commanderies.....	25,112.67
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,708.78
Grand Commandery Fellowship.....	3,000.00
Surrendered to Grand Encampment Fund.....	1,216.06
Accrued interest on investments.....	10,910.92
Emergency Fund.....	200.00
Special account in adjustment.....	60.78

Total current assets \$4,473,429.61

Deferred Assets

Accrued Interest due on student loans.....	\$ 308,073.97
Loans assigned to Trustees of G. E. for collection.....	29,094.25

Total deferred assets \$ 337,168.22

Total resources \$4,810,597.83

Liabilities

Student Loan commitments.....	\$ 16,771.67
Trust funds.....	8,177.00
Bank loan.....	1,700.00

Total liabilities \$ 26,648.67

Net Worth

Total received from assessments.....	\$3,998,001.64
Donations.....	60,791.38
Net Operating Profit.....	725,156.14

\$4,783,949.16

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

Receipts

	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1936	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1937	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1938
Cash on hand or in bank, January 1st.....	\$526,127.28	\$545,978.73	\$509,483.27
Principal repayments on loans.....	508,052.07	478,365.55	395,531.38
Interest receipts, all sources.....	152,504.45	150,168.49	134,479.60
Assessments (delinquent and additional).....	2,909.25	2,634.85	2,557.84
Sale of securities.....	26,821.54	11,990.26	142,963.63
Contingent Fund transfers.....	2,183.11	5,519.70	.....
Contingent Fund close-out.....	.....	.....	245.52
Dividends from closed banks.....	4,802.98	2,844.09	867.26
Donations.....	17.45	1.00	.....
Recovery of Loans charged off.....	1,130.05	581.30	809.50
Recovery of collection expense items.....	839.29	77.38	.....
Items in transit at close previous year.....	.....	475.15	503.77
Payment account, irregular transfers.....	123.10	.....	1,000.00
Loan accounts restored.....	.....	490.73	.....
Loan from bank.....	.....	.....	1,700.00
Repayment of temporary loan to G. C.....	.....	.....	1,036.25
Miscellaneous.....	162.67	.42	131.26

Total receipts \$1,225,673.24 \$1,199,128.55 \$1,190,326.28

Disbursements

Loans to students.....	\$227,904.19	\$224,717.82	\$385,989.67
Student loan commitments at close.....	8,702.50	9,322.50	7,994.19
Transferred to Contingent Funds.....	87,026.78	91,985.02	.....
Operating costs.....	.....	.....	81,740.68
Purchase of securities.....	346,135.94	335,857.24	363,107.03
Repayment of committee loans.....	3,500.00	2,500.00	.....
Bond premiums.....	5,063.45	594.00	2,383.41
Grand Commandery Fellowship.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Furniture and Fixtures.....	361.65	407.28	113.84
Refund of bonus.....	.....	500.00	500.00
Temporary loan to Grand Commandery.....	.....	.....	1,036.25
Division assets surrendered to G. E.....	.....	618.06	.....
Refund to Gr. Comdy. of overpaid assess.....	.....	.....	812.00

Total disbursements \$ 679,694.51 \$ 689,645.28 \$ 844,244.47

Balance cash on hand \$ 545,978.73 \$ 509,483.27 \$ 346,164.81

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

Assets

	Dec. 31, 1935	Dec. 31, 1936	Dec. 31, 1937	Dec. 31, 1938
Student Loans Outstanding.....	\$2,969,505.16	\$2,695,131.83	\$2,456,786.23	\$2,438,167.58
Cash on hand or in bank.....	526,127.28	545,978.73	509,483.27	346,164.81
Interest bearing investments.....	745,370.02	1,063,677.51	1,385,885.39	1,606,631.51
Contingent fund unexpended balances.....	.....	8,175.98	15,807.92	15,562.40
Due from assessments and Grand Commanderies.....	21,507.95	19,247.35	14,259.50	25,112.67
Cash in Closed Banks.....	36,957.91	31,672.05	28,554.02	24,694.10
Furniture and Fixtures.....	807.89	1,360.86	1,721.93	1,708.78
Irregular and unapproved transfers.....	29,383.28	21,171.49	21,171.49	.....
Grand Commandery Fellowship.....	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Assets of Divisions surrendered to G. E.....	598.00	598.00	1,216.06	1,216.06
Bond premiums and other miscellaneous assets.....	995.86	5,539.02	6,428.78	11,171.70

Total current assets \$4,331,615.35 \$4,394,552.82 \$4,444,314.59 \$4,473,429.61

Deferred Assets

Accrued interest due on student loans.....	.....	\$ 275,661.86	\$ 252,920.46	\$ 308,073.97
Loans assigned to Trustee for collection.....	.....	.....	5,930.44	29,094.25

Total deferred assets \$ 275,661.86 \$ 258,850.90 \$ 337,168.22

Total resources \$4,331,615.35 \$4,670,214.68 \$4,703,165.49 \$4,810,597.83

Liabilities

Student loan commitments.....	\$ 8,702.50	\$ 9,942.50	\$ 7,994.19	\$ 16,771.67
Bank and other loans.....	6,000.00	.....	.....	1,700.00
Trust funds.....	8,177.00	8,177.00	8,177.00	8,177.00
Accounts payable.....	10.03	215.15	812.00	.....

Total liabilities \$ 22,889.53 \$ 20,834.65 \$ 16,983.19 \$ 26,648.67

Net Worth

Total received from assessments.....	\$3,995,824.79	\$3,996,948.59	\$3,998,001.64	\$3,998,001.64
Donations.....	62,103.83	61,790.38	60,791.38	60,791.38
Net operating profit.....	250,797.20	*590,641.06	*627,389.28	*725,156.14

Total capital \$4,308,725.82 \$4,649,380.03 \$4,686,182.30 \$4,783,949.16

*Includes accrued interest due on student loans.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 1938

Division	Description	Rate	Interest Due	Par Value	Book Value
Alabama.....	Savings—Talladega Natl. Bank.....	.....	.....	\$ 4,785.70	\$ 4,785.70
	Savings—Isbell National Bank.....	.....	.....	1,609.28	1,609.28
	Savings—Birmingham Trust & Savings.....	.....	.....	4,090.67	4,090.67
	Savings—First Natl. Bank, Birmingham.....	.....	.....	3,022.50	3,022.50
Arizona.....	C/D—Southern Arizona Bank & Trust.....	2%	2/17 and 8/17	700.00	700.00
	C/D—Southern Arizona Bank & Trust.....	2%	2/17 and 8/17	300.00	300.00
Arkansas.....	Savings—Simmons Natl. Bank.....	.....	.....	2,130.10	2,130.10
California.....	Savings.....	.....	.....	66,559.01	66,559.01
	Firemans Fund Ins. Co.....	.....	.....	8,375.00	8,375.00
	Home Owners Loan Corp.....	3%	.....	5,107.81	5,107.81
	East Bay Municipal Utility Dist.....	5%	.....	10,000.00	12,471.40
	City & County of San Francisco.....	4½%	.....	5,000.00	5,820.60
	U. S. Savings Bonds, due 1946.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, due 1947.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, due 1948.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	10,074.76
Colorado.....	Home Owners Loan Corporation.....	3%	.....	15,000.00	15,017.75
	Savings—First Natl. Bank, Denver.....	1% on \$2500 ½% on balance	.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Connecticut.....	Savings—Waterbury Savings Bank.....	2½%	Quarterly	6,657.03	6,657.03
	Savings—Fairfield Co. Savings Bank.....	2½%	Quarterly	5,206.05	5,206.05
	Savings—The Connecticut Savings Bank.....	2½%	Quarterly	2,102.15	2,102.15
	Savings—Bridgeport Peoples Savings Bank.....	2½%	Quarterly	4,199.45	4,199.45
Dist. of Columbia.....	Pennsylvania Company 1963.....	4%	Feb. and Aug.	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Virginian Railway 1966.....	3¾%	Mar. and Sept.	5,000.00	5,190.10
	Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Co. 1963.....	3½%	June and Dec.	2,000.00	2,035.44
Florida.....	Savings—First Natl. Bank, Tampa.....	3%	12/31/39	2,055.56	2,055.56
Georgia.....	Planters & Citizens Bank stock.....	.....	.....	200.00	170.72
	Savings—Merchants & Farmers Bank.....	2%	Jan. and July	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Savings—Realty Savings Bank, Augusta.....	2%	Jan. and July	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Savings—Georgia R. R. Bank & Trust Co.....	1½%	Jan. and July	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Savings—Citizens & Southern Natl. Bank.....	1½%	Jan. and July	3,000.00	3,000.00
Idaho.....	Savings—Idaho First Natl. Bank.....	2%	April and Oct.	6,120.60	6,120.60
Illinois.....	State of Illinois Highway Bonds.....	4%	Mar., May, Sept., Nov.	117,000.00	121,624.34
	Federal Farm Mortgage Bonds.....	3¾%	May, Nov., Mar., Sept.	56,000.00	58,180.80
	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	2½%	June and Dec.	38,000.00	38,155.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	3%	March and Sept.	35,000.00	36,062.50
Indiana.....	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	3%	March and Sept.	15,000.00	14,719.82
	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	3%	June and Dec.	10,000.00	10,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	2¾%	March and Sept.	15,000.00	14,970.08
	Home Owners Loan Corp. Bonds.....	2¾%	Feb. and August	10,000.00	10,022.91
	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	.....	Sept. 1, 1946	10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	.....	Nov. 1, 1927	10,000.00	7,500.00
Iowa.....	None.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	U. S. Treasury M280866-75 incl.....	2½%	.....	10,000.00	.....
	U. S. Treasury M708574-83 incl.....	2½%	.....	10,000.00	.....
	U. S. Treasury 778J-56F.....	2½%	.....	1,500.00	.....
	U. S. Treasury 47538J & 94707H.....	2½%	.....	1,500.00	.....
	U. S. Treasury 1861A-4060L.....	2½%	.....	1,500.00	.....
Kentucky.....	U. S. Treasury 1956-59.....	2½%	.....	10,000.00	10,129.80
	U. S. Treasury 1949-53.....	2½%	.....	10,000.00	10,079.69
	U. S. Treasury 1955-60.....	2½%	.....	5,000.00	5,003.90
	U. S. Treasury 1958-63.....	2½%	.....	5,000.00	5,150.00
	Pacific Gas & Electric 1964.....	4%	.....	1,000.00	1,034.05
	Southern California Edison 1960.....	3¾%	.....	1,000.00	977.80
	Swift & Company 1950.....	3¾%	.....	1,000.00	1,025.30
	U. S. Treasury 1960-65.....	2½%	.....	300.00	300.00
Louisiana.....	U. S. Treasury No. 93971-A 49-53.....	2½%	June and Dec.	1,000.00	.....
	U. S. Treasury No. 27157-II 49-53.....	2½%	June and Dec.	5,000.00	5,954.80
Maine.....	Portland Terminal Co. Bonds.....	5%	Jan. and July	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Portland Rumford Falls Rwy. Bonds.....	5%	May and Nov.	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Savings Account.....	.....	.....	31,547.55	31,547.55

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INVESTMENTS—(Continued)

As of December 31, 1938

Division	Description	Rate	Interest Due	Par Value	Book Value
Maryland.....	Savings—First Natl. Bank.....	1½%	Jan. and July	4,181.62	4,181.62
	Savings—Colonial Trust Co.....	1%	Jan. and July	4,558.55	4,558.55
	Savings—Frederick Co. Natl.....	1½%	June and Dec.	4,545.15	4,545.15
Mass. and R. I.....	Savings—Boston Penny Savings.....			8,000.00	8,000.00
	Savings—Chelsea Savings.....			4,000.00	4,000.00
	Savings—North Avenue Savings.....			4,000.00	4,000.00
	Savings—Charlestown Five-cent Savings.....			5,000.00	5,000.00
	Savings—Metropolitan Federal.....			5,000.00	5,000.00
	Savings—Brookton Savings.....			12,500.00	12,500.00
	Savings—County Savings.....			2,000.00	2,000.00
	Savings—Massachusetts Savings.....			2,000.00	2,000.00
	Savings—Franklin Savings.....			4,000.00	4,000.00
	Savings—Salem Savings.....			5,000.00	5,000.00
	Savings—Hingham Savings.....			5,000.00	5,000.00
Michigan.....	Ohio Edison Co., due 1/1/72.....	3¾%	Jan. and July	3,000.00	2,996.25
	So. Bell T. & T. Deb.....	3¼%	Apr. and Oct.	3,000.00	3,026.25
	Commercial Credit Co. Deb.....	3¼%	Apr. and Oct.	3,000.00	2,932.50
	Standard Oil Co. of N. J. Deb.....	3%	June and Dec.	3,000.00	2,910.00
	Northern States Power 1st. Bond.....	3½%	Feb. and Aug.	3,000.00	2,955.00
	Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 1st Ref.....	3½%	June and Dec.	2,000.00	2,055.00
	Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y.....	3½%	Apr. and Oct.	2,000.00	2,070.00
	Dominion of Canada.....	3%	Jan. and July	2,000.00	1,952.50
	Savings—Merchants Mechanics Bank.....			3,442.60	3,442.60
	Savings—First State & Savings Bank.....			3,298.40	3,298.40
Minnesota.....	U. S. Treasury Bonds 51/54.....	2¾%	1/1 and 7/1	5,000.00	5,122.81
	U. S. Savings Bonds.....			8,000.00	6,000.00
Mississippi.....	None				
Missouri.....	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1955-60.....	2½%		9,000.00	9,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1946-49.....	3½%		5,000.00	5,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1946-48.....	3%		15,000.00	15,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1941.....	3¼%		27,000.00	27,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1944-46.....	3¼%		11,000.00	11,000.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds Mar. 1935 series.....			10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds Jan. 1936 series.....			10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Postal Savings Feb. 1936 series.....			2,500.00	2,500.00
	U. S. Treasury Note Series C 1940.....	1½%		5,000.00	5,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1945-47.....	2¾%		2,000.00	2,000.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds Series C.....			10,000.00	7,500.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds Dec. 1938 series C.....			9,000.00	6,750.00
Montana.....	None				
Nebraska.....	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1941.....	3¼%	Aug. and Feb.	2,000.00	2,169.84
	U. S. Savings Bonds 1947.....			3,000.00	2,250.00
	F. F. M. Bonds 1942.....	1½%	Mar. and Sept.	3,000.00	3,000.00
	H. O. L. C. Bonds 1942.....	1½%	June and Dec.	3,000.00	3,081.16
	U. S. Savings Bonds 1948.....			4,000.00	3,000.00
Nevada.....	None				
New Hampshire.....	Savings.....			6,239.44	6,239.44
New Jersey.....	U. S. Government Bonds 1946.....			10,000.00	7,800.00
	Savings.....			9,264.45	9,264.45
New Mexico.....	U. S. Treasury 1951-55.....	3%	3/15 and 9/15	2,000.00	2,047.92
	U. S. Treasury 1951-55.....	3%	3/15 and 9/15	6,000.00	6,257.50
	U. S. Treasury 1951-54.....	2¾%	6/15 and 12/15	2,000.00	2,032.93
New York.....	U. S. Treasury 1949-53.....	2½%	June and Dec.	30,000.00	30,325.55
	U. S. Treasury 1955-6.....	2½%	Mar. and Sept.	65,000.00	65,510.49
	U. S. Treasury 1949-52.....	3½%	June and Dec.	10,000.00	10,003.00
	City of Newark 1967.....	4%	June and Dec.	5,000.00	4,727.92
North Carolina.....	Federal Bonds.....	2¾-3¼%	Semi-annually	23,200.00	23,200.00
	Short term note.....	4%	Annual	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Grand Commandery note.....			7,543.25	7,543.25
North Dakota.....	U. S. Savings Bonds.....			11,000.00	8,250.00
Ohio.....	Savings—City Natl. Bank & Trust Co.....	2%		4,000.00	4,000.00
	U. S. Bonds.....	4¼%		20,000.00	20,000.00
	U. S. Bonds.....	4¼%		30,000.00	30,000.00
	U. S. Bonds.....	3%	Jan. 1	25,000.00	25,000.00
	U. S. Bonds.....	2¾%	Sept. 15	15,000.00	15,000.00
	U. S. Bonds.....	2¾%	June 15	70,000.00	70,000.00

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Division	Description	Rate	Interest Due	Par Value	Book Value
Oklahoma.....	Home Owners Loan Corp. Bonds.....	2¾%	Aug. and Feb.	5,000.00	
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1946-49.....	3½%	Dec. and June	11,000.00	
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1956-59.....	2¾%	Sept. and Mar.	10,000.00	
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1951-54.....	2¾%	Dec. and June	10,000.00	
	Grand Commandery note.....	2%	June 1	3,259.62	3,259.62
Oregon.....	Grants Pass Water.....	5%	Jan. and June	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Metzger Water.....	5%	Jan. and June	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Sherwood Improvement.....	5%	June and Dec.	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Province of British Columbia.....	5%	Jan. and July	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Portland Gas Company.....	5%	Feb. and Aug.	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Northwestern Electric Company.....	6%	Mar. and Nov.	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Medford Water.....	5%	Apr. and Oct.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pennsylvania.....	U. S. Government 1941.....	3¼%	Feb. and Aug.	25,000.00	25,000.00
	U. S. Government 51-55.....	3%	Mar. and Sept.	15,000.00	15,000.00
	U. S. Government 51-54.....	2¾%	June and Dec.	10,000.00	10,000.00
	U. S. Government 55-60.....	2¾%	Mar. and Sept.	66,000.00	66,000.00
	U. S. Government 56-59.....	2¾%	Mar. and Sept.	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Home Owners Loan Corp. 44-52.....	3%	May and Nov.	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Savings.....			40,000.00	40,000.00
South Carolina.....	None				
South Dakota.....	None				
Tennessee.....	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	3%	3/15 and 9/15	7,500.00	7,500.00
	Home Owners Loan Corp. Bonds.....	2¾%	2/1 and 8/1	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Tennessee Ref. Highway.....	3¼%	3/1 and 9/1	2,000.00	2,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	3¾%	6/15 and 12/15	1,500.00	1,500.00
Texas.....	None				
Utah.....	None				
Vermont.....	Savings—Chester Savings Bank.....			4,122.01	4,122.01
	Savings—Brattleboro Trust Co.....			683.38	683.38
	Savings—Bellows Falls Trust Co.....			1,412.59	1,412.59
Virginia.....	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1959-60.....	2¾%	Mar. and Sept.	5,000.00	5,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1950-52.....	2½%	Mar. and Sept.	3,000.00	3,000.00
	U. S. Treasury Bonds 1960-65.....	2¾%	June and Dec.	300.00	300.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds due 1948.....			10,000.00	7,500.00
	Home Owners Loan Corp. Bonds.....	2¾%	Aug. and Feb.	24,000.00	24,000.00
	Home Owners Loan Corp. Bonds.....	3%	May and Nov.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Washington.....	Pacific Natl. S. & Loan Assn.....	2½%	Semi-annual	69.68	69.68
	1st. Fed S & L Assn. Walla Walla	3½-4%	Semi-annual	2,604.05	2,604.05
	Walla Walla S. & L. Assn.....	2½%	Semi-annual	2,178.25	2,178.25
	Wenatchee S. & L. Assn.....	2½%	Semi-annual	4,632.91	4,632.91
	Bellingham 1st. Federal.....	3½-4%	Semi-annual	4,116.15	4,116.15
West Virginia.....	Savings—First Natl. Bank, Crafton	2%		5,000.00	5,000.00
Wisconsin.....	U. S. Notes.....	2½-3¼%	Various	61,000.00	60,973.75
	Wauwatosa.....	2¾%	Mar. and Sept.	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Wauwatosa.....	4½%	Jan. and July	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Dominion of Canada.....		Various	6,000.00	5,860.00
Wyoming.....	None				
St. Johns No. 1.....	None				
Far East No. 1.....	None				
Canal Zone No. 1.....	None				
Porto Rico No. 1.....	Union Club Bonds.....	8%	Feb. and Aug.	325.00	325.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	Savings.....			395.46	395.46
Havana No. 1.....	None				
				\$1,620,958.21	\$1,606,351.50

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Grand Commandery Divisions	Total amount of Student Loans Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1938	No. of Students		Amount of Loans Not Matured	No. of Students		Matured Loans being paid according to schedule or satisfac- torily to Committee	No. of Students		Matured Loans not being paid according to schedule but no action taken			
		Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls				
Alabama.....	47,057.06	201	89	112	3,685.00	30	19	11	.....	36,580.81		
Arizona.....	3,740.00	29	22	7	500.00	4	3	1	.....	2,180.00		
Arkansas.....	18,992.87	91	61	30	5,179.90	23	14	9	.....	9,327.41		
California.....	35,779.00	331	250	81	2,050.00	17	15	2	.....	12,148.00		
Colorado.....	29,048.88	186	165	21	11,395.00	57	50	7	.....	9,740.75		
Connecticut.....	54,609.02	168	128	40	8,950.00	40	30	10	.....	35,714.59		
Dist. of Columbia.....	4,633.20	42	35	7	1,000.00	5	4	1	.....	1,601.46		
Florida.....	39,891.59	158	121	37	1,945.60	7	5	2	.....	37,181.99		
Georgia.....	66,133.26	407	219	188	12,430.00	71	37	34	.....	29,466.42		
Idaho.....	12,701.16	139	110	29	5,878.75	41	31	10	.....	4,849.31		
Illinois.....	68,280.98	267	196	71	5,750.71	25	21	4	.....	18,552.09		
Indiana.....	66,104.27	323	263	60	2,045.00	21	17	4	.....	40,304.34		
Iowa.....	100,635.63	519	437	82	40,015.88	193	155	38	.....	22,971.72		
Kansas.....	92,703.31	417	249	168	17,386.74	90	50	40	.....	70,851.69		
Kentucky.....	44,048.82	315	259	56	3,762.27	32	24	8	.....	52,116.43		
Louisiana.....	23,990.71	119	75	44	2,122.50	12	9	3	.....	20,865.71		
Maine.....	67,989.99	294	241	53	7,875.00	50	39	11	.....	56,587.60		
Maryland.....	29,827.74	120	81	39	7,455.00	33	20	13	.....	12,518.98		
Mass. and R. I.....	171,834.33	650	493	157	53,119.50	228	157	71	.....	43,379.77		
Michigan.....	116,376.40	593	461	132	30,126.00	136	98	38	.....	25,000.00		
Minnesota.....	56,298.18	313	272	41	10,750.00	56	45	11	.....	37,566.20		
Mississippi.....	32,243.37	125	63	62	8,305.15	31	19	12	.....	13,435.44		
Missouri.....	44,788.31	477	379	98	9,752.00	97	77	20	.....	1,429.75		
Montana.....	27,115.37	184	126	58	6,887.00	39	22	17	.....	15,106.45		
Nebraska.....	27,627.28	182	152	30	2,125.00	16	12	4	.....	18,268.39		
Nevada.....	2,994.85	26	26	.....	1,055.00	10	10	.....	.....	1,939.85
New Hampshire.....	*26,016.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	50,810.43	172	134	38	12,475.00	48	38	10	.....	24,105.24		
New Mexico.....	6,638.59	38	30	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	207,432.20	1,233	990	243	62,731.00	324	243	81	.....	3,766.77		
North Carolina.....	21,850.47	160	69	91	1,150.00	11	3	8	.....	16,834.87		
North Dakota.....	10,137.60	132	91	41	2,975.00	33	24	9	.....	3,316.00		
Ohio.....	150,427.48	821	684	137	16,485.00	98	78	20	.....	77,487.99		
Oklahoma.....	27,112.87	153	91	62	2,275.00	15	12	3	.....	10,068.98		
Oregon.....	14,426.00	99	74	25	1,255.00	7	3	4	.....	12,226.00		
Pennsylvania.....	173,751.43	526	415	111	35,794.30	116	84	32	.....	24,757.47		
South Carolina.....	32,938.64	174	60	114	15,714.00	67	26	41	.....	11,589.32		
South Dakota.....	35,953.45	158	128	30	13,140.00	59	49	10	.....	20,382.95		
Tennessee.....	26,472.73	128	90	38	4,961.50	24	14	10	.....	8,210.28		
Texas.....	181,405.41	1,387	806	581	63,361.00	452	294	158	.....	20,776.06		
Utah.....	7,696.30	53	40	13	2,445.00	16	15	1	.....	3,649.54		
Vermont.....	22,993.03	121	59	62	3,200.00	13	8	5	.....	10,201.86		
Virginia.....	36,555.53	146	108	38	9,057.15	30	20	10	.....	21,463.52		
Washington.....	28,740.43	159	125	34	8,217.17	39	28	11	.....	15,610.81		
West Virginia.....	59,091.86	284	161	123	15,200.00	73	40	33	.....	39,495.92		
Wisconsin.....	40,996.79	207	167	40	3,175.00	22	21	1	.....	23,568.52		
Wyoming.....	10,288.93	94	87	7	400.00	3	3	.....	.....	5,803.12	
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	\$2,457,182.02	12,921	9,382	3,539	\$535,558.12	2,814	1,986	828	\$716,139.35	4,314	3,053	1,261	\$946,568.00
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	10,079.81	36	26	10	2,000.00	8	4	4	2,329.43	11	6	5	4,922.26
Grand Total.....	\$2,467,261.83	12,957	9,408	3,549	\$537,558.12	2,822	1,990	832	\$718,468.78	4,325	3,059	1,266	\$951,490.26
St. Johns No. 1.....	4,942.26	17	16	1	200.00	1	1	509.00	2	2	4,233.26
Honolulu No. 1.....	1,009.43	5	5	600.00	1	1	30.43	1	1	379.00
Far East No. 1.....	*503.12
Alaska No. 1.....	*325.00
Canal Zone No. 1.....	3,300.00	14	5	9	1,200.00	6	2	4	1,790.00	8	3	5	510.00
Porto Rico No. 1.....
Anchorage No. 2.....
Havana No. 1.....
Tampico No. 1.....
Ivanhoe No. 2.....

* No report.

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Grand Commandery Divisions	No. of Students		Matured Loans placed direct with collecting agency	No. of Students		Matured Loans Assigned to Trustees and placed in deferred assets	No. of Students		Amount of Judgments held	No. of Students					
	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls				
Alabama.....	152	56	96	6,791.25	19	14	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona.....	15	10	5	.....	3	2	1	2,734.55	11	10	1	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	50	52	18	622.01	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California.....	117	70	47	14,212.00	142	119	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	78	69	9	2,233.00	10	10	.....	925.00	5	3	2	1,339.13	6	6
Connecticut.....	85	64	21	1,907.48	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	1	1
Dist. of Columbia.....	15	12	3	1,141.20	10	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	146	114	32	.....	63	43	20	510.00	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	180	98	82	11,674.05	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	72	59	13	294.00	3	2	1	7,064.24	16	13	3	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	65	47	18	23,089.69	97	74	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana.....	181	145	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	2	2
Iowa.....	101	94	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	302	175	127	486.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	65	51	14	23,344.71	171	147	24	558.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	100	60	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	217	180	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	38	31	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mass. and R. I.....	118	92	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	125	107	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	125	116	9	505.00	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	282.79	1	1
Mississippi.....	52	25	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	11	8	3	634.65	5	2	3	1,243.47	9	5	4	.....	.....	.....
Montana.....	108	83	25	12.42	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,061.53	6	4
Nebraska.....	110	95	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nevada.....	16	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	72	58	14	1,223.10	.....	5	.....	4,847.00	14	10	4	775.00	2	1
New Mexico.....	25	21	4	1,205.15	7	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,034.10	32	32
New York.....	18	18	.....	20,085.97	132	115	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina.....	107	47	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	48	32	16	1,858.25	18	14	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	444	569	75	43,891.73	198	174	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oklahoma.....	47	26	21	3,176.00	15	12	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.53	1	1
Oregon.....	84	65	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	65	51	14	8,423.70	17	13	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,606.25	5	5
South Carolina.....	49	16	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	91	74	17	825.00	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.00	1	1
Tennessee.....	31	20	11	3,785.38	18	15	3	2,917.75	13	8	5	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	296	189	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	510.00	3	2
Utah.....	23	15	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	57	27	30	5,563.29	27	13	14	375.00	4	1	3	900.00	2	2	
Virginia.....	93	69	24	2,598.61	9	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	88	75	13	2,610.43	13	9	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	179	102	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	142	109	33	4,747.89	28	24	4	7,918.87	38	30	8	180.00	1	1	
Wyoming.....	52	49	3	288.80	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	4,765	3,351	1,414	\$187,231.70	1,019	836	183	\$29,094.25	113	82	31	\$16,571.33	63	57	6
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	19	17	2
Grand Total.....	4,784	3,368	1,416	\$187,231.70	1,019	836	183	\$29,094.25	113	82	31	\$16,571.33	63	57	6
St. Johns No. 1.....	14	13	1
Honolulu No. 1.....	3	3
Far East No. 1.....
Alaska No. 1.....
Canal Zone No. 1.....	2	1	1
Porto Rico No. 1.....
Anchorage No. 2.....
Havana No. 1.....
Tampico No. 1.....
Ivanhoe No. 2.....

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DIVISION COMMITTEES' ANALYSIS

Of the \$948,077.63 Not Being Paid According to Schedule

Grand Commandery Divisions	Delinquent Accounts being Regularly fol- lowed by Committee	No. of Students	Boys	Girls	Delinquent Accounts of students whose whereabouts are unknown	No. of Students	Boys	Girls	Accounts Delinquent because of temporary unemploy- ment of loanee	Accounts Delinquent because of poverty of loanee	Accounts uncollect- ible because of mar- riage of loanee	Acts. uncollectible because of evasion or refusal of loanee	Accounts uncollect- ible because of death of loanee
Alabama.....	36,580.81	152	56	96									
Arizona.....	1,980.00	15	10	5	200.00	3	2	1					
Arkansas.....	9,327.41	50	32	18									
California.....	12,148.00	117	70	47									
Colorado.....	7,591.75	65	57	8	415.00	3	2	1	780.00	954.00			
Connecticut.....	18,333.77	54	43	11	920.57	3	2	1	7,462.24	6,151.54	1,746.47	1,100.00	
Diet. of Columbia.....	552.46	5	5		689.00	7	7		360.00				
Florida.....	32,339.49	130	105	25	1,537.50	7	6	1	800.00	270.00	400.00	840.00	995.00
Georgia.....	25,161.71	158	87	71	1,238.44	7	3	4	675.00	295.00	1,816.27	280.00	
Idaho.....	4,499.31	72	59	13									
Illinois.....	11,996.37	42	31	11	1,354.92	6	4	2	1,346.58	1,043.61	477.19	2,333.42	
Indiana.....	35,166.59	274	223	51	5,137.75	28	23	5					150.00
Iowa.....	21,471.72	96	90	6	600.00	5	4	1					900.00
Kansas.....	70,851.69	302	175	127									
Kentucky.....	8,425.57	67	54	13	842.50	3	1	2		1,139.24			779.73
Louisiana.....	20,865.71	100	60	40									
Maine.....	52,685.84	202	167	35	3,871.76	15	13	2					200.00
Maryland.....	12,518.98	38	31	7									
Mass. and R. I.....	43,379.77	118	92	26									
Michigan.....	25,000.00	125	107	18									
Minnesota.....	37,566.20	125	116	9									
Mississippi.....	7,889.74	33	21	12	1,178.02	6	1	5	822.12	1,531.72	2,013.84		
Missouri.....	1,188.75	10	8	2							241.00		
Montana.....	15,106.45	108	83	25									
Nebraska.....	16,331.45	97	83	14	1,936.94	13	12	1					
Nevada.....	1,569.85	13	13		370.00	3	3						
New Hampshire.....													
New Jersey.....	24,105.24	72	58	14									
New Mexico.....	3,852.02	21	17	4	635.00	4	4						
New York.....													3,766.77
North Carolina.....	16,834.87	107	47	60									
North Dakota.....	3,316.00	48	32	16									
Ohio.....	77,487.99	444	369	75									
Oklahoma.....	9,218.98	46	26	20	350.00	1	1						500.00
Oregon.....	4,384.00	38	31	7	1,942.00	9	7	2	3,075.50	484.50	495.00	1,815.00	
Pennsylvania.....	18,953.24	49	42	7	2,052.50	5	5		1,131.05	550.32	1,050.00	1,020.36	
South Carolina.....	11,589.32	49	16	33									
South Dakota.....	18,357.95									255.00	310.00	780.00	
Tennessee.....	8,240.28	31	20	11									
Texas.....	20,776.06	296	189	107									
Utah.....	2,329.49	12	9	3	343.07	3	2	1	34.96		655.26	286.76	
Vermont.....	10,201.86	57	27	30									
Virginia.....	19,646.77	88	65	23	399.25	1	1			675.00		742.50	
Washington.....	15,610.81	88	75	13									
West Virginia.....	38,365.92	175	100	75	1,130.00	4	2	2					
Wisconsin.....	20,695.70	142	109	33							2,862.82		
Wyoming.....	5,155.21	46	43	3	647.91	6	6						
Total Grand Comdy. Divisions.....	\$859,671.06	4,377	3,166	1,211	\$28,172.13	142	111	31	\$16,787.45	\$13,349.93	\$12,067.85	\$9,228.04	\$7,291.50
Total Subordinate Comdy. Divisions.....	4,922.26	19	17	2									
Grand Total.....	\$864,593.36	4,396	3,183	1,213	\$28,172.13	142	111	31	\$16,787.45	\$13,349.93	\$12,067.85	\$9,228.04	\$7,291.50
St. John No. 1.....	4,233.26	14	13	1									
Honolulu No. 1.....	379.00	3	3										
Far East No. 1.....													
Alaska No. 1.....													
Canal Zone No. 1.....	310.00	2	1	1									
Porto Rico No. 1.....													
Anchorage No. 2.....													
Havana No. 1.....													
Tampico No. 1.....													
Ivanhoe No. 2.....													

STATUS OF LOANS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1938

Amount of Loans *not* matured and no Payments Due\$537,558.12
To 2,822 students—1,990 boys and 832 girls.

Balance due on Loans being paid *According to Schedule* or
Satisfactorily to Division Committees..... 718,468.78
To 4,325 students—3,059 boys and 1,276 girls.

*Balance due on Loans *not being paid* according to schedule
but no action taken 951,490.26
To 4,784 students—3,368 boys and 1,416 girls.

Balance due on delinquent loans *placed direct with collec-*
tion agencies by Division Committees 187,231.70
To 1,019 students—836 boys and 183 girls.

Balance due on delinquent loans *assigned to, and placed*
with, Trustees of the G. E. for collection..... 29,094.25
To 113 students—82 boys and 31 girls.

Balance due on delinquent loans for which *judgments have*
been taken (not included in other classifications)..... 16,574.33
To 63 students—57 boys and 6 girls.

No reports as to status of loans received from New Hamp-
shire, Far East No. 1 and Alaska No. 1..... 26,844.39

Total Loans Outstanding \$2,467,261.83

To 12,957 students—9,408 boys and 3,549 girls.

* Division Committees were requested to break-down the item of "Balance due on Loans not being paid according to schedule but no action taken" which is essential for the understanding of the G. E. Committee in analyzing and making a consolidated display of the cause for delinquencies. For some reason or other only about one-half of the Division Committees have attempted to furnish this information. The following tabulation, therefore, can only reflect the condition of delinquent loans as reported by the Division Committees:

Delinquent accounts regularly followed by the Committees.....\$864,593.36
To 4,396 students—3,183 boys and 1,213 girls.

Delinquent accounts of students whose whereabouts are unknown 28,172.13
To 142 students—111 boys and 31 girls.

Delinquent accounts not being paid because of temporary unemployment 16,787.45

Delinquent accounts not being paid because of poverty..... 13,349.93

Delinquent accounts not being paid because of marriage..... 12,067.85

Delinquent accounts not being paid because of death..... 7,291.50

Delinquent accounts apparently being cases of evasion or refusal..... 9,228.04

Total\$951,490.26